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July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

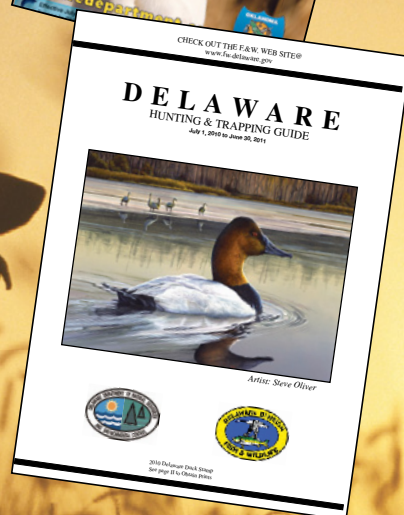


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# Delaware Duck Stamp Program

## 2010 Delaware Duck Stamp

***Canvasback***

***by Steve Oliver  
of Brookhaven, PA***



*Beginning with black ducks painted by Ned Mayne in 1980, the first year of Delaware's waterfowl art competition, 31 of the State's waterfowl species have adorned the annual stamp that is required of waterfowl hunters and prints that are collected by conservationists. The Division of Fish & Wildlife, in partnership with Delaware Ducks Unlimited, began the duck stamp and print program in 1980 to raise funds for waterfowl conservation, including acquiring and improving the wetland habitats that are vital for the survival of migratory waterfowl. To date, more than \$2.5 million has been raised. These funds improve waterfowl habitat in Delaware and Canada. This conservation effort helps to ensure that waterfowl species will prosper and provide enjoyment for generations to come.*

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*The 2010 stamp will highlight the second in a new series. The new series is open to all Delaware Native Species and can include any other related subject. The 2010 prints and stamps will be available July 1, 2010 in addition to the 2009 and 2008 stamps and prints. After June 30, 2010, the 2007 prints and stamps will be destroyed in accordance with Duck Stamp Program policy. For information on the Delaware Duck Stamp Program or to reserve and purchase stamps/prints contact the Division at 302-739-9911 or visit our internet site:*

<http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Hunting/Pages/DuckStamp.aspx>



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This summary is for the convenience of the sportsman and is not intended to cover all hunting laws and regulations. For specific provisions, reference should be made to Title 7, Delaware Code. When federal and state laws conflict, the law which is more restrictive governs.

FOR THE ACTUAL WORDING OF THE WILDLIFE STATUTES AND  
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## ***FISH AND WILDLIFE DIRECTORY***

### HOW TO CONTACT A FISH AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT AGENT:

To report violations of wildlife laws or to contact an enforcement agent, call the Department Communications Center toll free at 1-800-523-3336.

To provide information to the "Operation Game Theft" program call toll free 1-800-292-3030.

### DELAWARE DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Main Office – Richardson and Robbins Building,  
89 Kings Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901  
Open 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. – Mon. thru Fri. except on Holidays  
General Information: (302) 739-9911

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SECTION – (302) 739-9912

#### Wildlife Regional Offices

Region 1 Augustine WA, New Castle County - 834-8433  
Region 2 Norman G. Wilder WA, Kent County - 284-1077  
Region 3 Assawoman WA, Sussex County - 539-3160

#### Wildlife Check Stations

Little Creek: 739-4610 Cedar Swamp: 653-8080  
Woodland Beach: 653-4802 Augustine: 836-7294

Hunter Education – (302) 735-3600  
Ommelanden Range – (302) 323-5333

### LICENSE SECTION –

License Information/Lost and Duplicate Licenses - (302) 739-9918

### ENFORCEMENT SECTION – (302) 739-9913

Enforcement Complaints – 1-800-523-3336  
Enforcement County Offices –  
New Castle and Kent: 739-6139; Sussex: 855-1901  
Boating Education – 739-9915

### OPERATION GAME THEFT – 1-800-292-3030

### DELAWARE HELP DESK – 1-800-464-4357

### FEDERAL WILDLIFE INFORMATION – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Enforcement U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Office, 1360 Donas Landing Rd., Dover, DE Phone: (302) 730-9184  
Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, near Smyrna  
Phone: (302) 653-9345  
Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, near Milton  
Phone: (302) 684-8419

## ***IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE 2010-2011 HUNTING SEASON***

### **REGULATORY AND STATUTORY CHANGES**

Several regulatory and statutory changes are in effect for the 2010-2011 hunting season. Below is a summary of those changes.

- Deer may be hunted with crossbows in accordance with statutes and regulations of the State of Delaware governing the hunting of deer from September 1 (September 2 if September 1 is a Sunday) through the last day of January, provided hunter orange is displayed in accordance with § 718 of Title 7 when it is also lawful to hunt deer with a gun. Crossbows may be equipped with a scope. There is no maximum pull weight for a crossbow and crossbows may not be transported on or within any vehicle with the crossbow in the cocked position.
- No person shall use a longbow for hunting if it has a pull weight of less than 35 pounds.
- All successful deer hunters must write their automated deer registration in ink on their field deer tags. This number has to remain with the head and/or carcass until the mount is picked up from the taxidermist or the meat is processed and stored as food.
- Red fox may be killed in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the State of Delaware governing the hunting of red fox from November 1 through the last day of February, excluding Sundays. It is unlawful to kill a red fox that is being pursued by dogs. Red foxes may be killed using a longbow, crossbow, shotgun, rimfire or center fire rifle up to .25 caliber or a muzzle-loading rifle. During any deer firearms season, it will be unlawful to hunt red fox with any firearm that is not also legal for deer hunting.
- Hunters and trappers that are license exempt are required to obtain an annual Hunting and Trapping Identification Number from the Division at no cost. If a licensed exempt hunter chooses to purchase a license anyway, then they do not have to obtain the Identification Number. The Hunter and Trapper Identification Number system was created so that game harvest and opinions of license exempt hunters and trappers could be evaluated and considered when establishing new statutes, regulations and policies. To get your number call 1-877-939-3678 or go online at [www.dehip.com](http://www.dehip.com).
- Gray squirrels may be hunted using a .17 through .22 caliber pellet firearm with a rifled barrel.
- Non-toxic shot is required for hunting rails, snipe and moorhens.
- No person will be allowed to place in the field any set or unset equipment associated with the trapping of game animals until the opening day of any state approved trapping season. All trapping equipment has to be removed by the last day of the trapping season.

- Mute swans may only be taken during the legal waterfowl hunting seasons and shooting hours. The method of take is restricted to shotguns no larger than 10 gauge with non-toxic shot no larger than size T.

## **LICENSING**

- Electronic Agent Online Licensing: As of January 1, 2010, the Division of Fish & Wildlife's Electronic Agent Online Licensing System is operational for the sale of Delaware Hunting and Fishing Licenses. This electronic system replaces the manual handwritten license sales program. There are over 85 Electronic Agents participating across the state along with the Dover Fish and Wildlife office at 89 Kings Highway. A listing of participating Agents can be found on the Divisions web site [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) or by calling 302-739-9918. This Electronic Agent System joins the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Automated Online Licensing System that is available on the Division's web site [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) where hunting/fishing licenses can be conveniently purchased and printed from any compatible computer at home or office 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The electronic license number automatically generated for each license consists of 15 characters specific to each licensee. Please use the entire license number when purchasing additional deer tags, permits and checking your deer.

When purchasing your duck stamp on the electronic systems, the stamp image is printed on your license if you purchase your hunting license at the same time. If you purchase the stamp separately you will receive the stamp image. The Division no longer mails original duck stamps automatically at the end of the season (June 30th of each year). If you would like an original stamp sent to you please call (302) 739-9918 and give us your name, address and order ID number after you purchase the electronic stamp.

For more licensing information contact Candace Dunning at 302-739-9918. For information on ordering Collector Duck Stamp(s) and prints, contact Amanda Belford at 302-739-9911. The collector stamps and prints are not available online.

- Hunting Licenses no longer have to be worn on an outside garment but must be on your person while hunting

## **DOVES**

- Non-toxic shot: Remember that during September, all dove hunting on State Wildlife Areas must be done using non-toxic shot.

## **SNOW GEESE**

- Conservation Order: The snow goose Conservation Order (CO) is expected to reopen during the winter and spring of 2011 after other waterfowl hunting is closed. When the CO is open, snow goose hunters can use unplugged shotguns and electronic calls. In addition, hunting hours are extended to a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset and daily bag and possession



limits are removed. Participants hunting during the CO must have a valid Delaware or Maryland hunting license, a 2010 Delaware waterfowl stamp (Federal stamp not required), a Delaware HIP number and the free CO permit issued by the Division. This permit can be obtained by computer registration at <http://www.dehip.com>. The need for the Delaware Waterfowl Stamp follows the requirements on page 14 of this guide as related to hunter age.

## **LOTTERY HUNTS**

- Public Land Pre-Season Lottery: Due to poor attendance rates, the Division will no longer conduct a pre-season lottery for deer and goose hunts on several public lands.

## **DEER**

- Deer Registration: Each person who hunts and kills a deer shall, within 24 hours of killing said deer, register their deer by phone or over the internet through systems authorized by the Division ([www.dehip.com](http://www.dehip.com) or 1-866-511-DEER (3337)). After registering a deer, hunters will be given a deer registration number. This number must be recorded in ink on the approved tag used on the deer and must remain with the head and/or carcass until the mount is picked up from the taxidermist or the meat is processed and stored as food. Hunters may field dress their deer before registering it but only the internal organs may be removed before registration. All other parts, (e.g. antlers, hide, meat, etc...) must remain attached to the animal, until such deer has been registered. Additionally, it shall be unlawful to knowingly enter incorrect information when registering a deer.
- White-tailed Deer Research – Harvesting Tagged Deer: This past year, the University of Delaware in collaboration with the Delaware Division and Fish and Wildlife, captured and tagged deer in Delaware. All deer received numbered ear tags, and some received radio-collars. Both of which allow us to collect data on deer ecology and hunter harvests. Hunters should treat deer with collars and ear tags as any other deer. If a marked deer is legal for harvest, then it may be harvested. If a hunter harvests a marked deer, they are asked to call the phone number listed on the metal ear tag (302) 831-4621, so information concerning the harvested deer can be collected. Somebody will contact them for further information as soon as possible. Since many of these deer are reported during the hectic firearms season, please feel free to contact us again if you have not been contacted within a few days of previously calling.
- Change to Boundary of Deer and Turkey Management Zone 1: Beginning with the 2010/11 hunting season, Deer and Turkey Management Zone 1 which was formally all of New Castle County, north of the C&D Canal will now be divided into two zones, 1A and 1B. The boundaries of Zone 1A shall now be defined as the area north of the line created beginning at the Delaware Memorial Bridge and following Interstate 295 to its intersection with Interstate 95 to the Delaware/Maryland boarder. The boundary of Zone 1B shall now be defined as the area south of the line created beginning at the Delaware Memorial Bridge and following Interstate 295 to its intersection

with Interstate 95, thence to the Delaware-Maryland border to the C&D Canal. See pages 19 – 22 of this guide for maps of these zones.

- Deer Hunter Survey: The Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) plans to implement a harvest card reporting system in addition to the phone and internet deer registration system. This survey will track hunter effort, deer sightings, and harvest. Due to the costs associated with aerial infrared surveys, the DFW will likely only be able to conduct these population surveys every 5 years, at best. As a result, an alternative population estimation technique shall be implemented. The specific survey methodology has not yet been finalized but the data collected has. Hunters will be asked to keep a log for each day they spend deer hunting and at the end of the season they will return it to the DFW. The type of standardized information that will be asked to record is:

1. Date
2. Number of hours hunted each day
3. Location hunted (County and Deer Management Zone)
4. Number of deer seen (bucks, fawns, does, unknown)
5. Number of deer harvested

Hunters that receive this survey are strongly encouraged to complete and return it to the DFW. The accuracy of the DFW's deer population estimate using this technique will be largely based on the completeness and number of returned surveys by hunters.

- Safety Zone: the safety zone for hunting deer by archery device during established archery seasons is now 50 yards.

## **GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION**

### **PROHIBITED METHODS OF TAKE - It is unlawful to:**

- Use a trap, snare, pitfall, deadfall, cage, net, pen, baited hook, urine, baited field, drug, poison, chemical or explosive to take game, except that muskrats, mink, otter, raccoons, opossum and rabbits may be trapped as permitted by law and bait may be used to take deer on private land only.
- Use a light to hunt, except hand-held lights may be used for raccoon, opossum and frogs when hunting on foot or a horse or mule.
- Use a shotgun larger than 10 gauge or use a rifle (squirrels may be taken with certain rifles south of the C&D Canal; groundhogs may be hunted with a rifle).
- Use a punt or swivel gun or any gun not normally fired from the shoulder.
- Use a shot larger than No. 2, except when hunting deer. Waterfowl hunters may use non-toxic shot up to size T.
- Use a fully automatic loading gun (machine gun).
- Use a shotgun capable of holding more than three (3) shells in total except for snow geese during conservation order.
- Use poison arrows or explosive tip arrows.
- Hunt at night (1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, except that frogs, raccoons and opossum may be hunted at night. For specifics on waterfowl and other migratory birds, see Federal Regulations.
- Hunt out-of-season, without a license, or take more than the daily limit.
- Have loaded firearms in or on a motorboat while underway, or in, against or on a motor vehicle or farm machinery.
- Damage any nest, den or lair of game animals or birds. Damage trees, stumps, or logs without permission.
- Ship game without a notarized affidavit stating the game was lawfully killed, the name of the sender and the number of animals enclosed.
- Trespass with gun or dog without prior permission of the landowner whether or not the land is "posted."
- Sell, trade or barter any game or any parts thereof, except as permitted by law.
- Possess unlawfully killed game.
- Shoot hawks, owls, or other wild birds, except lawfully hunted game birds, house sparrows and starlings.
- Shoot bald eagles or disturb their nests.
- Transport a crossbow on or within a vehicle with the crossbow in the cocked position
- Shoot muskrats or take muskrats except by trap.
- Disturb muskrat houses.
- Trespass to trap without permission.
- Hunt with ferrets.
- Obtain live rabbits from out-of-state without a health certificate.
- Kill ruffed grouse.
- Dig out fox dens.
- Possess live protected game animals.
- Discharge any firearm from or within 15 yards of public road or shoot across a public road or right-of-way.
- Kill otter, except by trap during the open season.
- Hunt muskrats with a dog.

- Transport a muzzleloader with a charge in the barrel unless the cap or primer is removed and the gun is enclosed in a case or the striking mechanism is removed.
- Use an artificial light to illuminate wildlife from a motor vehicle for the purpose of hunting or observation.
- Use lead shot larger than No. 2 for species that can legally be taken with toxic shot.
- Permit dogs to run at large at anytime. (Except landowners of 20 acres or more may permit their dogs to run between October 1 and February 28 on their own land.)
- Allow dogs to run at large between the hours of sunset and sunrise by any person on any day. All dogs must be licensed.
- Hunt within 100 yards of an occupied structure or drop shot on buildings or people.
- Distribute bait or hunt any species, including deer over bait on Bombay Hook and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges, State owned lands or state administered lands

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HUNT ON SUNDAY,  
Except to chase red fox in season.

**Local ordinances may be more restrictive than state laws.  
Check before hunting in incorporated areas.**

## Method of Take:

**Squirrel, Groundhog, Rabbit, Pheasant, Quail:** Longbow or shotgun using no larger than No. 2 lead shot. Shotguns must be plugged to hold only 3 shells (in chamber and magazine combined). Rifle permitted for Groundhog, South of C&D Canal .17 through .22 caliber rimfire or pellet firearm with a rifled barrel or a muzzleloader rifle of not larger than .36 caliber firing a round projectile are permitted for squirrel hunting during the entire season.

**Snapping Turtles:** May be taken with gig, trap, net or spear.

**Frogs:** May be taken with spear, gig, or hook.

**Deer: Longbow** (in season) using sharpened broadhead arrows (min. width 7/8").

**Shotgun** no smaller than 20 gauge for deer hunting using rifle slug, pumpkin ball or buckshot and must be plugged to hold only 3 shells (in chamber and magazine combined). It is unlawful to carry buckshot, rifle slug or pumpkin ball except while hunting for deer, and conversely, it is also unlawful to carry shot smaller than buckshot while deer hunting.

**Muzzleloader** no smaller than .42 caliber.

## Miscellaneous Provisions:

Bullfrogs may be sold.

Deer killed by motor vehicle may be retained by the motorist killing the deer upon official tagging by the State Police or Division Personnel.

In New Castle Co. south of I-295 and I-95 it is unlawful to discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a dwelling without advanced permission. North of I-295 and I-95 the distance is 200 yards.

The Division offers special permits for certain persons with disabilities to hunt from motor vehicles. Special facilities are also available upon request for waterfowl and deer hunting.

## **SELECTED DEFINITIONS**

**Hunt:** “Hunt” shall mean to chase, pursue, kill, trap, take, or attempt to chase, pursue, kill, trap, or take any form of wild-life.

**Possession:** “Possession” in addition to its ordinary meaning includes the location in or about the defendant’s person, premises, belongings, vehicle or otherwise within his reasonable control.

**Seasons:** “Seasons” shall be that period of time during which designated species of wildlife may be lawfully hunted pursuant to the regulations of the Department. It shall be unlawful to hunt those species of wildlife for which a “season” is designated at any time other than during that “season.”

**Wildlife:** “Wildlife” shall be any animal species not commonly under the domestication of man and including but not limited to those animals defined by statute as “game” or “protected wildlife.”

**“Antlered Deer”** shall mean any deer with one or more antlers three inches long or longer, measured from the base of the antler where it joins the skull to the tip of the antler following any curve of the antler.

**“Anterless Deer”** shall mean any deer that has no antlers or antlers less than three inches in length.

## **FUTURE GAME SEASONS**

The dates for non-migratory game seasons have been stabilized through 2010. Each year season dates will only be changed to adjust for calendar changes (except for biological emergencies). Public input on seasons will be welcomed at monthly meetings of the Advisory Council on Game and Fish. The Council normally meets on the last Tuesday of each month in the Richardson and Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, at 7:30 P.M.



## BULLFROG and SNAPPING TURTLE SEASONS - 2010-2011

Species	Open Season	Daily Limit	Note
Bullfrog	May 1 - Sept. 30	24	May be taken with a valid hunting and or fishing license.
Snapping Turtle*	June 15 - May 15	No limit	Snapping turtle minimum length is 8 inches on the curvature of the top shell. Baited fish hooks are unlawful. Trapping license required.

\* No other turtles may be kept or sold except from Sept. 1 – Nov. 15 when the terrapin daily limit is 4.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATION GAME THEFT

### What is “Operation Game Theft”?

The Operation Game Theft Fund was established by the 130th General Assembly to assist in the apprehension and conviction of game law violators. The fund is comprised of all the fines levied for violation of game laws in this state and donations. The Legislature delegated the authority to the Division of Fish and Wildlife to designate offenses for which rewards will be paid and the amount of the reward.

### What types of offenses are covered under the O.G.T. Program?

Up to \$1,000.00 can be rewarded for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person(s) involved in:

#### Class 1 – Reward up to \$1,000.00

1. Commercialization of Wildlife.
2. Killing of an endangered/threatened species.

#### Class 2 – Reward up to \$500.00

1. Over limit of black ducks, canvasbacks, turkeys or Canada geese.
2. Poisoning wildlife.
3. Interstate transportation of illegally taken wildlife.
4. Gross over limits of wildlife.
5. Illegally hunting or trapping on a state game refuge.
6. Hunting/Trapping out of season.
7. Possessing, tending or setting killer traps with a jaw spread in excess of 5 inches.
8. Illegally hunting at night.

#### Class 3 – Reward: up to \$100.00

1. Hunting with an illegal type of weapon.
2. Hunting from a motor vehicle.

**NOTE:** An additional \$100 reward will be given by the Delaware Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone illegally killing a wild turkey in Delaware.

### How do I get paid?

You will be paid in cash by the agent to whom you gave your name.

## **Will my identity be confidential? YES**

## **Will I get paid for any information that I provide?**

No. Only information which leads to the arrest and conviction of a violator. (Specific offenses covered)

## **WHAT DO I DO TO REPORT GAME LAW VIOLATIONS?**

Contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife Operation Game Theft Hotline Toll-Free at 1-800-292-3030 anytime, 24 hours per day. You will be given an OGT Case Number. You do not need to give your name at this time. From this phone call, a Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Agent can be dispatched or can return your call. Wildlife offenses need to be investigated immediately by enforcement agents if there is to be a chance of making an arrest. The longer the delay in getting information to the agent, the smaller the chances of obtaining an arrest and conviction.

## **PUBLIC OPINION**

It is the desire of the Division of Fish and Wildlife to continue to provide the highest level of service to the public using our wildlife areas, boating access areas, ponds, and marine resources. To this end, the management of the Division of Fish and Wildlife invites comments or suggestions on the operation of our wildlife areas, wildlife management programs, wildlife laws and regulations, or any problems encountered with Division employees. To voice a comment or offer a suggestion, you may contact the office of the Director of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9910 or write to the Director of Fish and Wildlife at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901. Your comments or suggestions will be forwarded to the proper individual for consideration.

## **DELAWARE'S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN**

Wildlife biologists across the continent are facing challenges concerning the conservation of wildlife species and their habitat. In response, each state has developed a plan to address both the common and unique issues affecting wildlife in each respective state. The Delaware Wildlife Action Plan (DEWAP) addresses and prioritizes the issues facing wildlife and the actions required to conserve these species as vital components of the state's natural resources. Residents of Delaware play an important role in the execution of the DEWAP and its future success. Engaging in the conservation of Delaware's natural resources is a necessary step in creating an environment that can be enjoyed by present and future residents of Delaware; including the ones that live outdoors. Please visit <http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/nhp/information/CWCS2.asp> to learn more about Delaware's Wildlife Action Plan and the steps that the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is taking to provide a more livable Delaware for all.

Division of Fish and Wildlife  
89 Kings Highway Dover, DE 19901  
(302) 739-9912

## **PRIVATE LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE**

Delaware landowners hold over 80% of the land in Delaware, making them powerful decision-makers when it comes to land development and conservation. As land development increases, so does the pressure on wildlife habitat, species, and natural resources. Conservation efforts made by landowners are necessary to ensure healthy ecosystems and wildlife populations that future generations are entitled to enjoy. To support landowners in this effort, many state and federal agencies offer incentive programs with technical and financial assistance available to restore or enhance wildlife habitat. There are several programs available within DNREC that aim to engage landowners in conservation efforts. DNREC also partners with federal and private organizations to achieve the same goal of conserving natural resources for a more livable Delaware. Contact: Bill Jones, (302) 284-4795

# SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT DOVER, DELAWARE

## EASTERN STANDARD TIME

	JAN.		FEB.		MAR.		APR.		MAY		JUNE	
DAY	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
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## EASTERN STANDARD TIME

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Add one hour for Daylight Saving Time if and when in use. I certify that the above data are the result of an accurate and true computation by the Nautical Almanac Office, United States Naval Observatory, an agency charged by Federal Statute (9 State. L. 374, 375) with the duty of making such computations and publishing the results.

C.G. CHRISTIE	E.W. WOOLARD
Captain, USN	Director of Almanac
Superintendent	U.S. Naval Observatory
U.S. Naval Observatory	

## **LICENSING AND PERMITS SECTION**

**NOTE:** In addition to the licensing requirements listed herein, ALL hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) to carry a firearm.

### **RESIDENT**

- a) Persons 16 years or over and under 65 (16-64 years) must purchase a license to hunt in Delaware. . . \$25.00.
- b) Persons 13 through 15 years must purchase a junior license to hunt...\$5.00
- c) Persons operating a hunting guide service must purchase a guide license...\$100.00
- d) All persons under 65 years must purchase a license to trap in Delaware after first taking an approved trapping education course if born after January 1, 1978 . . . \$3.50
- e) Persons 16 years or over and under 65 (16-64 years) must purchase a state stamp to hunt waterfowl in Delaware. . . \$9.00.
- f) Residents who own or live upon farms in this state containing 20 or more acres, and the members of their immediate families who reside on the farm may hunt, fish and trap on the farm without being licensed hereunder.
- g) Residents under 13 years of age may hunt without a license in this State when accompanied by a person who is the lawful holder of a hunting license or has a lawful right to hunt.

### **NON-RESIDENT**

- a) Persons 16 years or over to hunt in this State...\$130.00. No exemptions are made for nonresidents over the age of 65 for licenses or stamps.
- b) Persons 13 through 15 years must purchase a junior license to hunt...\$50.00
- c) Persons operating a hunting guide service must purchase a guide license...\$300.00
- d) All persons must purchase a license to trap in Delaware after first taking an approved trapping education course if born after January 1, 1978 . . . \$25.00
- e) Persons 16 years or over must purchase a state stamp to hunt waterfowl in Delaware...\$9.00.
- f) Three (3) consecutive day small game license (not valid for deer or turkey) . . . \$50.00.
- g) Non-residents other than aliens who are under 13 years of age may hunt without a license in this State when accompanied by a person who is the lawful holder of a hunting license or has a lawful right to hunt.

### **NOTE:**

Resident and non-resident hunters born after January 1, 1967 must complete a state approved Hunter Education course before obtaining a hunting license. Proof of successful completion of a Hunter Education Course must be provided at the time of license purchase in order to obtain a resident or non-resident hunting license.

A Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp is required for any person 16 years or older to hunt waterfowl. Stamps are sold at Post Offices. No exemptions are made for persons 65 years or older for purchasing Federal Stamps.

License agents may charge a service fee of up to \$1.50 to issue licenses, and deer tags, and up to \$1.00 for duck stamps. License year July 1 through June 30.

Resident and non-resident trappers born after January 1, 1978 must take a 6 hour trapper education course before obtaining a trapping license. The class is offered at the Ommelanden Hunter Education Center on Saturday or Sunday of the first weekend in December.

The Junior Hunting License expires on the child's 16th birthday. If this will occur during the hunting season, hunters 15 years of age should consider purchasing the regular hunting license instead of the Junior license prior to the season. Residents of the State of Delaware 65 years and older are exempt from hunting license requirements but must have proof of age and residency. A complimentary exempt card can be requested free of charge by contacting the Division of Fish and Wildlife (302-739-9911). Non-Resident seniors are not exempt.



## **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND HUNTING LICENSES**

The Delaware Division of Child Support Enforcement has the authority, under Federal Welfare Reform Legislation (Title 42 of the US Code, Section 666 (a) (13) ), to collect Social Security Numbers for individuals who purchase recreational hunting and fishing licenses. For more information go to [www.fw.delaware.gov/services/pages/licenses.aspx](http://www.fw.delaware.gov/services/pages/licenses.aspx)

## **OBTAINING A DUPLICATE HUNTING LICENSE**

Duplicate licenses are only authorized from the Division of Fish and Wildlife Dover office. Please contact the division at 302-739-9918 during business hours. Hunters are advised not to keep their license with their back tag in order to prevent loss of both. You may be asked to present a copy of your driver's license or valid identification to the Division. There will be NO duplicate Waterfowl Stamps, State Land Use Permits, or additionally purchased Deer Tags (Tags not issued with the original license) issued.

### **Special License and Permits Required to:**

- Deal in raw furs commercially
- Hold a field trial for dogs.
- Ship game out of state.
- Breed game commercially.
- Possess skunks or raccoons.
- Operate a shooting preserve.
- Possess or collect wildlife for scientific purposes.
- Trap otters in non-tidal areas.
- Possess live wild animals or any protected animals.
- Train dogs out of season (available only for retrievers).

## **LICENSE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Any member of the armed forces of the United States of America while actually stationed within this State shall be deemed a resident of this State for the purpose of obtaining a license to hunt, trap and fish in this State. Each such application shall be supported by a written statement signed by the applicant's commanding officer certifying to the applicant's place of station within this State.

Any resident who has served honorably for 90 or more consecutive days on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, including service as member of the Delaware National Guard, in military actions in Southwest Asia associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom may, for the first 12 months following the date the resident was honorably discharged or removed from active status, be issued a license to hunt and/or fish in this State without charge by contacting the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 739-9911.

A member of the armed forces of the United States who is a patient in a military hospital may be issued a license to hunt, trap and fish in this State without charge, upon receipt by the Department of a written statement signed by the applicant's commanding officer certifying the nature of the applicant's disability and place of station.

Residents living in this State for at least 1 year immediately prior to the date of application for a license who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States and certified by the Veterans Administration as having at least a 60% service-connected disability are exempted from the licensing requirements.

## OPPORTUNITIES AND SPECIAL PERMITS FOR DISABLED HUNTERS

- A variety of hunting opportunities exists for disabled hunters in Delaware. State wildlife areas offer specialized blinds/stands and hunting locations to meet the needs of people with varying degrees of physical disabilities. Special permits such as crossbow and hunting from a vehicle permits are also available in certain situations. For more information about the Division's disabled hunter opportunities, contact the Wildlife Section at 739-9912.

- Disabled hunters will be grouped in two categories. **Category 1** hunters are those whose disabilities confine them to a wheelchair for movement. Hunters in this group will be given priority for use of disabled facilities on state wildlife areas. **Category 2** hunters are people with other disabilities that don't allow them to use traditional hunting facilities and equipment. These hunters may be eligible for state stands/blinds and other special permits.

**Facilities:** Deer stands and waterfowl blinds by permit. Permits available via preseason and daily lottery. To apply for the facilities listed below, complete and mail to the Division a Disabled Hunter Application. Deer hunters with disabilities wanting to participate in the preseason lottery stand selection must send in the Application to Hunt State Deer Stands found in this Hunting and Trapping Guide.

Area	Deer stands	Deer hunting locations	Waterfowl blinds
Cedar Swamp	2	1	1
Woodland Beach	8	3	2
Little Creek	2	1	2
Ted Harvey	5	3	1
Assawoman	4	5	1
Augustine	1		1

**Special Hunting Permits:** Contact the Wildlife Section at 739-9912 for more information on permits for disabled hunters.

### Trapping Licenses:

Trappers must purchase their trapping license from the Division of Fish & Wildlife, 89 Kings Highway Dover, DE 19901, by calling (302) 739-9918 for an application, downloading an application off the web site at [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov), or submitting the trapping application in this guide(see page 17. Trappers will be issued a permanent license number that can be renewed annually. Metal trapping tags are available for purchase at the Division office. Once a license has been issued, the Division of Fish & Wildlife will mail a renewal notice to all trapping license holders. Trapping Licenses are not available electronically from agents or online.

**Hunt from a Vehicle Permit:** Approved non-ambulatory hunters may be permitted to hunt specified game animals from their vehicle with a permit issued by the Division.

**HIP NUMBERS:** Hearing impaired hunters can obtain their Harvest Information Program (HIP) numbers via the World Wide Web @ [www.dehip.com](http://www.dehip.com)



## Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife Trapping License Application

This is an application for a:

☐ Resident Trapping License.....\$3.50

☐ Non-Resident Trapping License..... \$25.00

An approved Trapping Education Course is MANDATORY for all persons born after January 1, 1978 as per Delaware Code. You must submit a copy of your Trapping Education Card with this application in order to obtain a license (if applicable).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Trapping Education #: (**Must Submit Proof**) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number- Mandatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number is required under authority of the Delaware Division of Child Support Enforcement. The license may not be issued without it.

Amount Enclosed - \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Check or money order payable to Division of Fish & Wildlife.)

If you wish to pay by Credit Card, please fill in the following required information.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit card code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Candace Dunning  
Division of Fish and Wildlife  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, DE 19901

Fax To: Candace Dunning  
302-736-7925  
Questions? 302-739-9918

## **DEER HUNTING SECTION**

### 2010-2011 DEER SEASONS AND LIMITS

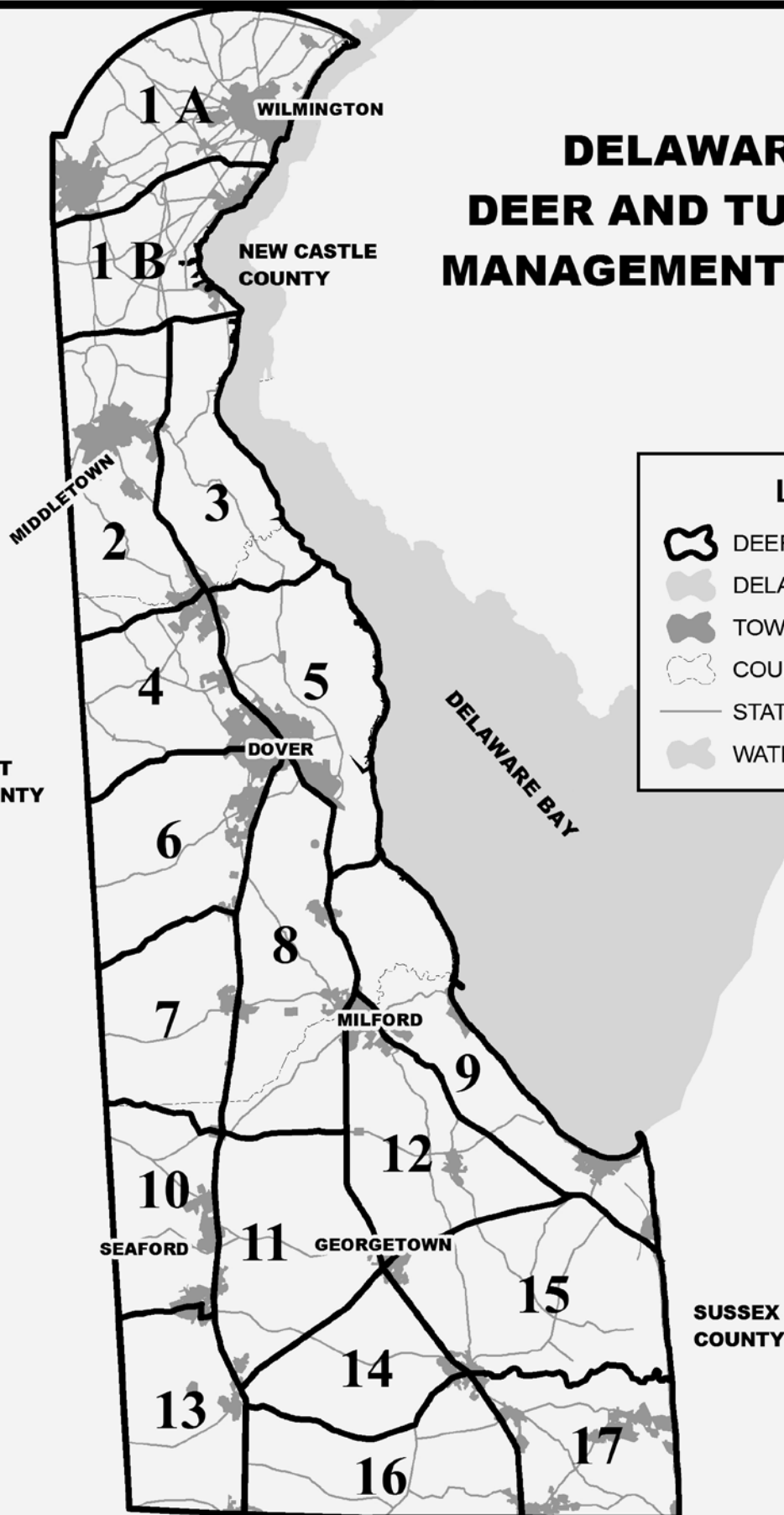
<b>SEASONS</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LIMIT*</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
Archery	Statewide Sept. 1 – Jan. 31	4*	Hunters may use archery equipment during the muzzleloader, shotgun and handgun seasons provided they wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on the head chest, and back.
Crossbow	Statewide Sept. 1 – Jan. 31	4*	Hunters may use crossbow equipment during the muzzleloader, shotgun and handgun seasons provided they wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on the head, chest, and back
Muzzleloader	Statewide Oct. 8 – Oct. 16 Jan. 24 – Jan. 29	4*	Muzzleloaders may be equipped with scopes.
Shotgun	Statewide Nov. 12 - Nov. 20 Jan. 15 - Jan. 22		Muzzleloaders may be used during the shotgun season, and may be equipped with scopes.
Special Antlerless	Statewide Oct. 1-2 Oct. 18 Oct. 22-23 Oct. 25 Oct. 29-30 Dec. 11-18	4*	This season is “any method,” to include archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun. You may only take antlerless deer, or deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length. Archery (including crossbow) hunters may take antlered bucks in October but NOT during the December antlerless season.
Handgun	Jan. 1 - Jan. 8	4*	The handgun must be carried openly in a sling or in a holster and not concealed. See page 23 for more details.
Youth Hunt	Nov. 6	4*	

**\*NOTE ON LIMIT- THE GENERAL BAG LIMIT ON DEER IS 4 ON LICENSE TAGS. THIS IS BY ALL METHODS AND SEASONS COMBINED. ADDITIONAL DEER MAY BE TAKEN ON SPECIAL TAGS.**

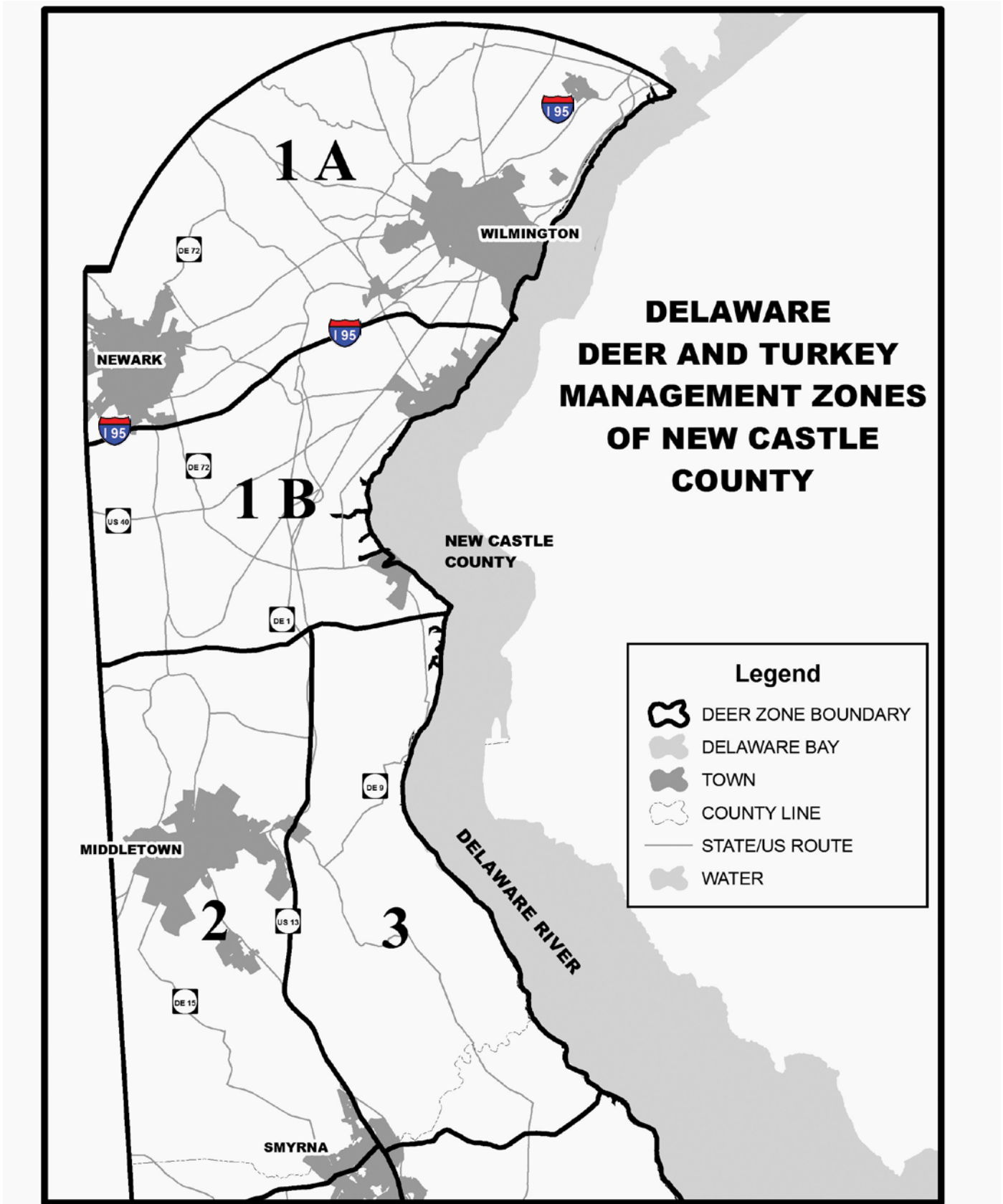
**IT IS NOW LEGAL TO HUNT DEER WITH A HANDGUN DURING ANY SHOTGUN DEER SEASON. THE HANDGUN MUST BE USED IN PLACE OF A SHOTGUN. YOU CANNOT CARRY BOTH IN THE FIELD AT THE SAME TIME.**

**ONLY 2 ANTLERED BUCKS MAY BE TAKEN DURING ANY LICENSE YEAR BY ALL METHODS AND SEASONS COMBINED. THE LICENSE YEAR RUNS FROM JULY 1 - JUNE 30.**

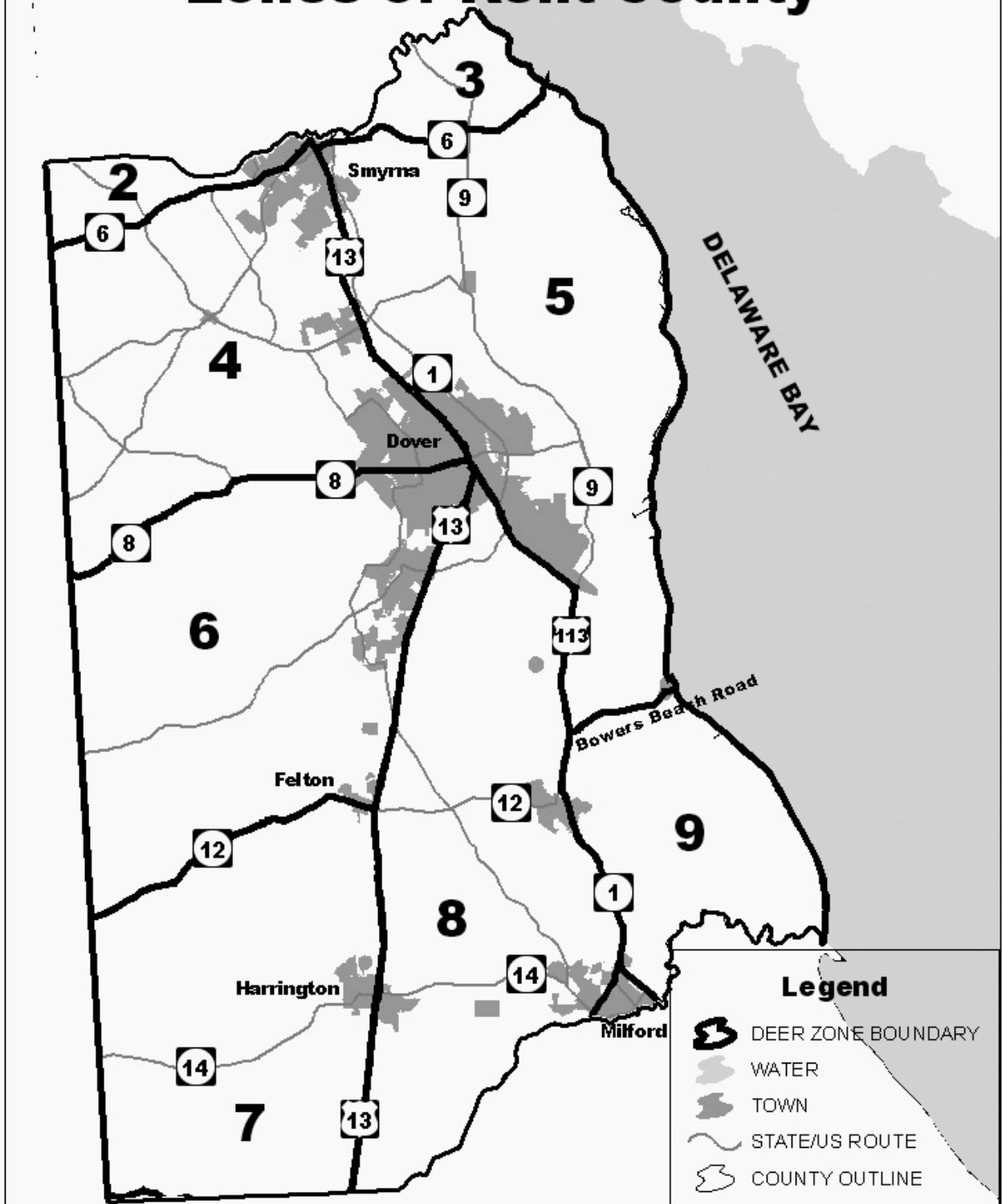
# DELAWARE DEER AND TURKEY MANAGEMENT ZONES



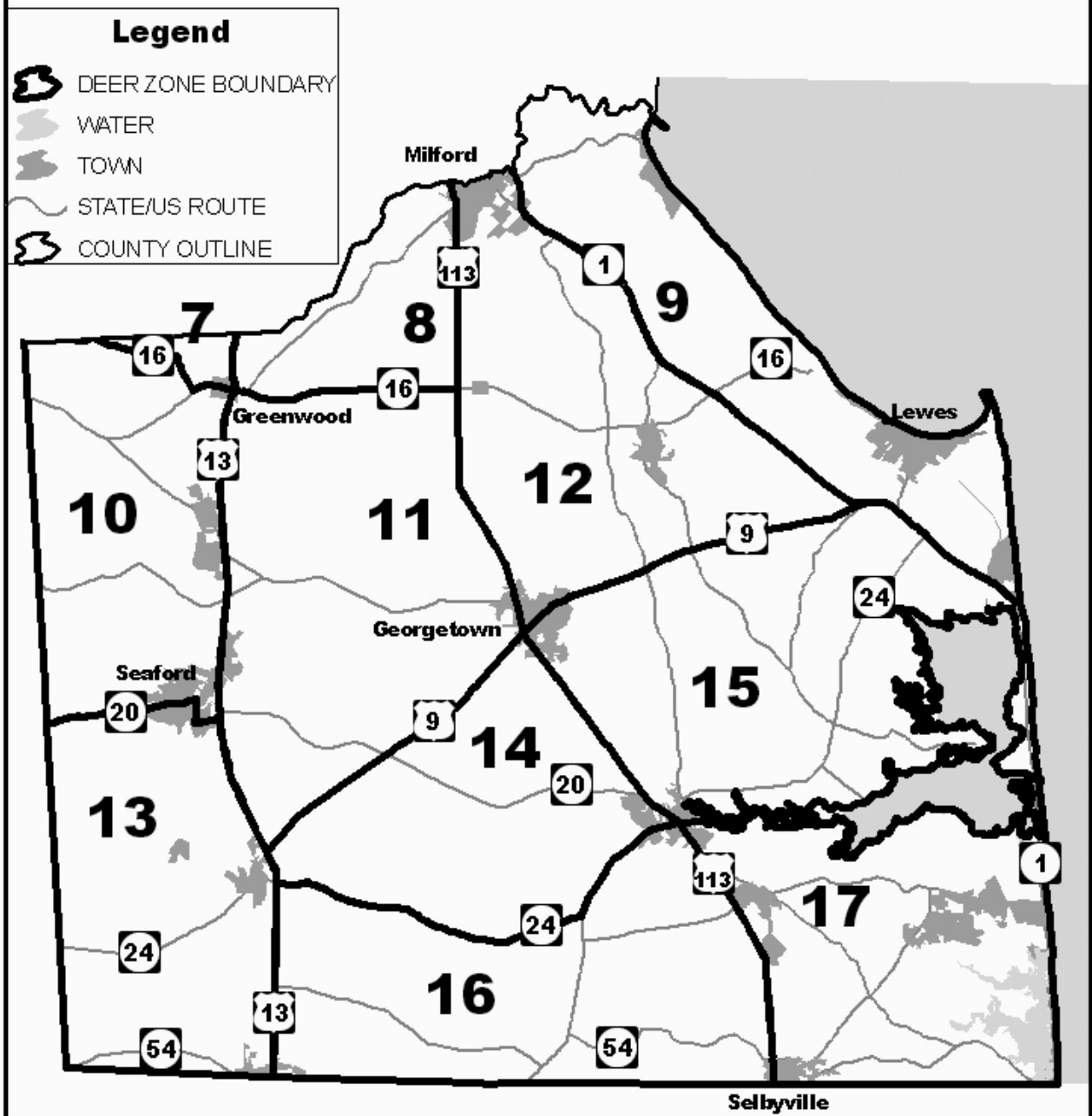




# Deer and Turkey Management Zones of Kent County



# Deer and Turkey Management Zones of Sussex County



## Handgun Hunting

Legal handguns are limited to revolvers and single shot pistols with a minimum barrel length of 5.75 inches and a maximum length of 12.5 inches and chambered for and using straightwall handgun ammunition in .357, .41 caliber, .41 magnum, .44 caliber, .44 magnum, .45 caliber, .454 caliber, .480 caliber or .50 caliber and using open sights, metallic/mechanical, optical or telescopic sights. Since the .460 casull is a .45 caliber, it is legal under the existing handgun legislation.

The handgun must be carried openly on a sling or in a holster and not concealed. The handguns described above may be used for the pursuit, taking and attempted taking (hunting) of deer on privately owned lands situated south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and on many state-owned wildlife areas. Consult area maps for more details.

It is now legal to hunt deer with a handgun during any shotgun deer season. The handgun must be carried in place of a shotgun. You cannot carry both in the field at the same time.

## HUNTER ORANGE

During a time when it is lawful to take a deer with a firearm, any person hunting any wildlife except migratory game birds in this state shall display on that person's head, chest, and back a total of not less than 400 square inches of hunter orange material. If a hunter utilizes a ground blind to hunt deer during a time when it is lawful to take deer with a firearm and the hunter is completely concealed within a blind, then 400 square inches of hunter orange material shall be placed within 10 feet outside of the blind and at least 3 feet off of the ground.

## SHARPS RIFLE

Hunters may use a single shot antique or authentic reproduction black powder Sharps rifle of 45 to 60 caliber using paper patched bullets for hunting deer during any shotgun deer season.

## QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC LANDS

**The Cedar Swamp and Woodland Beach State Wildlife Areas are Quality Deer Management Areas. All deer hunters** (except hunters under 17 years of age and non-ambulatory hunters) **hunting these areas shall not take an antlered deer with a minimum outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time**, i.e., only bucks that qualify for the existing Quality Buck Tag are now legal. Antlerless deer can still be legally harvested. Quality Deer Management (QDM) is a management philosophy/practice that typically involves the protection of young bucks (yearlings and some 2.5 year-olds) combined with an adequate harvest of female deer to maintain a healthy population in balance with the existing habitat conditions. This level of deer management involves the production of quality deer (bucks, does, and fawns), quality habitat, and quality hunting experiences. When judging size in the field, remember the guideline that you can't shoot a buck in a QDM area unless it has an outside antler spread that is wider than its ears (at least 15 inches). If the outside spread doesn't extend beyond its ears, let it walk. Hunters under 17 years of age and non-ambulatory hunters are exempt from the 15-inch minimum outside spread but must abide by all other area and statewide regulations.

## AUTOMATED DEER CHECKING SYSTEM

To make deer checking faster and more efficient, the DE Division of Fish and Wildlife has decided to go to a 100% electronic registration system for checking deer. Beginning in 2009, local check stations will no longer be available. By calling the toll free number 1- 866-511-DEER (3337) or by going to [www.dehip.com](http://www.dehip.com), hunters may officially register their deer. Hunters will answer a series of questions by using the telephone or computer keypad. The questions asked can be found on page 24 of this guide. At the end of the questions, hunters will be given a deer harvest registration number. This number will serve as proof the animal was checked and should be kept for your records. If you have problems with this system call 1-888-4-DE HUNT (33-4868). Hunters that take their deer to a butcher shop will need to supply their registration number to the shop owner as proof the deer was registered.

# Telephone Deer Registration Flow Chart

## Telephone Deer Registration Flow Chart

Use this chart to make registering your deer via the toll free telephone registration system easier (1-866-511-DEER (3337)). You may also register your deer online at [www.dehip.com](http://www.dehip.com) or by visiting a deer check station.

### DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

#### Question 1 – Hunting License Type

License Type	Press
Delaware Resident License, Delaware Junior License, or Delaware Guide License	1
Nonresident License, Nonresident Junior License, or Nonresident Guide License	2
Exempt from a license	3
Delaware Resident On-line License	4
Nonresident On-line License	5

*Note:* Licenses purchased online are a separate category from those purchased at another location.

#### Question 2 – License Number

Enter your hunting license number.

*Note:* If you are a license exempt hunter, please indicate which type of exempt hunter you are. The last 4 digits of your social security number will serve as your license number

#### Question 3 – Date of Birth

Example: May 14, 1973 would be entered as 05 14 1973

#### Question 4 – Phone Number

Enter your telephone number, area code first.

Example: 302 555 1234

#### Question 5 – Gender

Gender	Male	Female
Press	1	2

#### Question 6 – Contact Information

Information requested: First name, last name, street address, city and state, and zip code.

### HARVEST INFORMATION

#### Question 1 – Type of Tag Used

Tag Type	Press
Resident Doe	1
Resident Antlerless	2
Resident Choice	3
Resident Quality Buck	4
Nonresident Doe	5
Nonresident Antlerless	6
Nonresident Quality Buck	7
Nonresident Antlered Buck	8
\$10 Additional Antlerless Deer	9
Antlerless Deer Damage	10
License Exempt	11

### HARVEST INFORMATION (continued)

#### Question 2 – Deer Gender

Deer Type	Press
Adult Doe	1
Fawn Doe	2
Button Buck	3
Spike Buck (with both antlers less than 3 inches)	4
Antlered Buck	5
Shed Buck (buck that has shed both antlers)	6

#### Question 3 – Harvest Weapon

Weapon	Press
Shotgun	1
Muzzleloader	2
Compound Bow	3
Recurve Bow	4
Crossbow	5
Handgun	6

#### Question 4 – Harvest Date

*Note:* If you harvested your deer today, press 1. If not, press 2. If you did not harvest your deer today, enter the date of harvest.

Example: A November 12, 2007 harvest would be: 11 12 2007

#### Question 5 – County of Harvest

County	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
Press	1	2	3

#### Question 6 – Zone of Harvest

Enter the 2 digit number for the deer management zone in which you harvested your deer. Example: Zone 5, enter 05

#### Question 7 – Land Type

Land Type	Private Land	Public Land
Press	1	2

#### Question 7 (cont.) – Public Hunting Land ONLY

Public Land Type	Press
State Forest	1
State Park	2
Wildlife Area, National Wildlife Refuge, or Industrial Forest Areas	3

You will now be given a list of public land areas meeting the criteria you previously indicated. Please listen to the list and indicate the appropriate area in which you harvested your deer.

### DEER REGISTRATION NUMBER

You have successfully registered your deer. You will now be given a deer registration number. Write this down for your records as proof that you registered your deer. A Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Agent may ask you for this number.

## **RESIDENT DEER TAGS**

Delaware hunting licenses come with 2 antlerless tags and 2 doe tags. Hunter's Choice Tags are available for \$10 and come with a Quality Buck Tag attached to it at no extra charge. The Hunter's Choice Tag can be used on an antlerless or antlered deer. The Quality Buck Tag can only be used on an antlered deer with a minimum outside spread of 15". Hunters will only be allowed to harvest a maximum of 2 antlered bucks (all seasons combined) by using the Hunter's Choice Tag and the Quality Buck Tag. All other deer taken must be antlerless. Additional antlerless deer tags are available for \$10 each.

License exempt hunters will be allowed 2 antlerless deer, 2 does and 1 Hunter's Choice deer at no charge. For a Quality Buck Tag, license exempt hunters will have to purchase the combination Hunter's Choice/Quality Buck Tag. For license exempt hunters, the Hunter's Choice Tag will be invalid.

This deer tag system has been implemented to encourage hunters to harvest antlerless deer and to promote Quality Deer Management. Revenue will be used to fund the phone-in deer registration system and to further improve Delaware's deer management program.

## **NON-RESIDENT DEER TAGS**

- Non-resident hunting licenses will come with 2 Antlerless Tags and 2 doe tags. The cost of an Antlered Deer Tag and a Quality Buck Tag will be \$25 each for non-resident hunters. Hunters may purchase only one of each tag.

## **LICENSE EXEMPT HUNTERS**

- Persons not required to purchase a hunting license in Delaware, should make their own paper "license" and deer tags and carry them along with identification while hunting. Exempt hunters can also obtain a free permanent license with deer tags by contacting the Division's Licensing Section.

## **CROSSBOWS**

Crossbows may be used in lieu of a firearm during any shotgun or muzzleloader seasons open in December or January, and during the November shotgun season from Monday through the last Saturday.

## **DEER DRIVES**

Non resident hunters may not participate in deer drives on state owned or managed lands. Residents may conduct deer drives with a limit of 6 hunters.

## **DEER DONATION DROP OFF SITES**

The Division of Fish and Wildlife maintains walk-in coolers where hunters can drop off deer for donation to the Sportsman Against Hunger Program. These locations include in Sussex County: the Assawoman Wildlife Area near Bethany Beach, the Mosquito Control Office in Milford, the headquarters office at Redden State Forest near Georgetown, the Gumboro Community Center in Millsboro and Trap Pond State Park near Laurel; In Kent County: the Woodland Beach Wildlife Area Aquatic Resources Education Center near Smyrna and the Main office on the Norman G. Wilder Wildlife Area near Viola; and in New Castle County: the Augustine Wildlife Area, in Port Penn.

## **SELLING DEER PARTS OR DEER MEAT**

Title 7 § 787 (d) of the Delaware Code states that " No person shall purchase, sell or expose for sale, or transport, ship or possess with the intent to sell, any deer or any part of such deer, except for the hides of lawfully killed deer, at any time." Therefore, taxidermists and deer butchers may only charge for a service and may only charge those to whom they are providing the service. It is illegal to sell deer taxidermy items and deer meat in Delaware. This includes the "recouping" of processing fees for items or meat not picked up by the legal owner.

## STATE DEER RECORDS

The Division maintains records of the top hunter taken deer based on net Boone & Crockett scores on its website at [www.fw.delaware.gov/Info/DeerRecords.htm](http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Info/DeerRecords.htm). Any whitetails meeting Pope & Young minimums for bow kills (125 typical, 155 non-typical), Longhunter Society minimums for muzzleloader kills (130 typical, 160 non-typical) or shotgun kills of 140 typical and better and 160 non-typical and better are eligible for entry. The division is interested in Delaware whitetails taken in any year. Bill Jones, Division biologist and official measurer for Boone & Crockett, Pope & Young and the Longhunter Society, can be contacted at 302-284-4795 for more information.

### Youth/Non-Ambulatory Disabled Deer Hunt, November 6, 2010:

- Open statewide on private and public lands, including state wildlife areas and the federal refuges. The lottery drawing for state stands is 1.5 hours before legal shooting time. Hunters should arrive at least 1.5 hours before legal shooting time to sign up.
- Any youth from 10 years to 15 years and non-ambulatory disabled individuals may hunt. Young hunters must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Hunters 13-15 years of age must have completed a Hunter Education Course and possess a certification card. Thirteen, fourteen and fifteen-year-old hunters must also purchase a Delaware junior hunting license.
- The normal bag limits and regulations apply.
- Adult companions must be licensed to hunt in Delaware (or exempt) but may not possess a firearm during the hunt. Young hunters must be of sufficient size and physical strength to safely handle a firearm.
- All deer taken must be registered

**Special Youth Hunt** deer stands will be drawn by a pre-season lottery at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge for Bombay Hook, Woodland Beach and Cedar Swamp. Applications available at Bombay Hook and the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. A lottery for unfilled stands (including pre-season lottery no-shows) will be held at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time. Hunters should arrive prior to 2 hours before legal shooting time to sign up for the lottery.

### Sika Deer

#### Where are they found?

Sika deer inhabit marshes, swamps, and associated woodlands and agricultural fields. Sika Deer are a small elk introduced from Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan) by private citizens into Maryland in 1916. Recently, their range has expanded and some individuals have been found in Delaware. As a result, the Division will allow Delaware hunters to harvest sika deer while hunting for white-tailed deer. The sika deer population in Delaware is still very small and the Division would like to keep it that way. Sika deer are not native to the State, so going along with the Division's goal of not promoting nonnative species they may be harvested.

#### What do they look like?

They are 2 1/2 feet high at the shoulder, weigh 50-100 pounds and the sika deer coat is dark brown to black. Some even have faint white parallel spots on their back. They also have a white rump. Males (stags) are larger than females (hinds) and have antlers. Males also have a dark shaggy mane running down their neck.



## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will sika deer compete with white-tailed deer?

Research conducted in Maryland indicates that white-tailed deer and sika deer can coexist and it does not appear that they directly compete with each other. However, more research is needed to confirm this relationship.

2. Will sika deer breed with white-tailed deer?

No, sika deer will not breed with a white-tailed deer. The breeding season for sika deer occurs in mid to late October, while the breeding season for white-tailed deer it occurs in mid November.

3. Are sika deer related to white-tailed deer?

Sort of, both sika deer and white-tailed deer are members of the deer family (Cervidae), but are of a different genus *Cervus* (sika deer) and *Odocoileus* (white-tailed deer). Sika deer are actually more closely related to Rocky Mountain elk than they are to white-tailed deer.

## What to do if you harvest one?

Tag the deer with the appropriate tag from you license as you would if you harvested a white-tailed deer. However, instead of registering the deer via the phone/internet registration system please call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 735-3600.

## **WILD TURKEY HUNTING SECTION**

Delaware's 2011 spring wild turkey hunting season will run from April 9, 2011 to May 7, 2011. Private land hunters may hunt all 25 days of the season. Public land permits can only be used on the property for which they are issued. Applications must be received by January 14, 2011 to be processed for the lottery drawing.

Season segments A-D for Public Land Permits are:

(A) April 9 - 15 (B) April 16 - 22 (C) April 23 – April 29 (D) April 30 - May 7                      Youth Day April 2

### **No Sunday Hunting**

**Turkey Hunting Hours:** 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. All turkeys must be checked at an authorized turkey check station by 2:30 p.m. on the day the bird is killed.

**TURKEY CHECK STATIONS:** Locations and hours will be posted on the Division's website [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov). just prior to the season. Information can also be obtained by calling 735-3600 or 739-9912.

**Legal Birds and Bag Limit:** Bearded birds only. Bag limit is one turkey per year.

**Calls:** All non-electric calls will be legal. For safety reasons, hunters should not imitate the male gobbling call.

### **Legal Firearms, Bows, and Shot Sizes:**

1. Shotguns – 20, 16, 12, 10 gauge – legal shot sizes: #4, #5, #6 lead or steel. No duplex loads containing shot other than #4, #5, #6 are allowed.

2. Muzzleloaders – smoothbore muzzleloading shotguns only; #4, #5, #6 shot only.

3. Longbow/compound – Minimum broadhead width of 7/8 inches.

**Clothing:** For safety reasons, it will be illegal to wear any visible garment having the colors red, white or blue.

**Blinds/Decoys:** Temporary blinds of vegetation or camouflage material are legal. Artificial turkey decoys are legal. Decoys may have no parts from a formerly live turkey.

**Restrictions:** Dogs or bait may not be used. Hunters may not drive turkeys or shoot them while they are at roost.

**Public Land Permits:** *A permit is needed to hunt public lands. See page 46 for the permit application form. The number of permits issued for each public hunting area by season segments A, B, C & D is as follows:*

**Sussex County :** *Assawoman WA – 2, Marshy Hope WA – 3, Midlands WA – 6, Nanticoke WA – 8, Old Furnace WA – 6, Industrial Forest (Whitesville, Edwin Bell, Ralph’s Corner) – 6, Prime Hook State WA – 1, Redden State Forest –30, Taber SF - 2*

**Kent County:** *Blackiston WA – 3, Little Creek WA – 5, Milford Neck WA – 7, Woodland Beach WA – 3, Norman G. Wilder WA – 7, Ted Harvey WA Logan Lane – 1, Ted Harvey WA Buckaloo – 1, Urban/Fortney WA – 2*

**New Castle County:** *Blackbird SF –6, Cedar Swamp WA – 3, Blackbird Reserve WA - 2, C&D Canal -1*

***All first time Delaware turkey hunters must successfully complete a Division approved Turkey Hunting Safety class. This includes both public and private land hunters.***

***Hunters will have to have taken the turkey hunting class before they can apply for a public land permit. To register for a Turkey Hunting Safety class call (302) 735-3600***

### **Youth/Non-Ambulatory Disabled Turkey Hunt, April 2, 2011:**

Open statewide on private land only. Any youth from 10 years to 15 years and non-ambulatory disabled individuals may hunt. Young hunters must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Thirteen, fourteen and fifteen-year-old hunters must have a valid Delaware junior hunting license. All hunters 13 -15 years of age must have taken a hunter education course and a Delaware approved turkey hunter safety class.

The normal bag limits and regulations apply.

Adult companions must be licensed to hunt in Delaware and must have taken a Delaware approved turkey hunter safety class. Adult companions may not possess a firearm during the hunt. Young hunters must be of sufficient size and physical strength to safely handle a firearm.

- All turkeys taken must be registered.

## **SMALL GAME HUNTING SECTION**

### **2010-2011 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR SMALL GAME**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>OPEN SEASON</b>	<b>DAILY LIMIT</b>	<b>NOTE</b>
Gray Squirrel	Sept. 15 - Feb. 5 Closed during Nov. Shotgun Deer Season	6	Gray squirrels may be hunted during all seasons with shotguns, .17 through .22 cal. rimfire and pellet rifles and muzzleloading rifles up to .36 cal. south of the C&D Canal. Only shotguns may be used north of the C&D Canal. When a squirrel season overlaps with a deer firearms season, squirrel hunters must wear 400 square inches of hunter orange displayed on the head, chest and back.
Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28	4	Rabbit hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on head, chest, and back when hunting during any deer gun season.
Ring-necked Pheasant (Male Only)	Nov. 22 - Feb. 5	2	Pheasant hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on head, chest, and back when hunting during any deer gun season.
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 22 - Feb. 5	6	Quail hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on head, chest, and back when hunting during any deer gun season.
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25 Oct. 16 - Oct. 30 Dec. 10 - Jan. 8	15	Season Subject to Federal Approval Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset No state or Federal Waterfowl Stamps needed.
Rails	Sept. 3 - Nov. 11	See Notes	King & Clapper Rails bag limit of 10 Sora & Virginia Rails bag limit of 25. Seasons subject to Federal approval.
Crows	June 24 - March 26	None	Hunting allowed Thur, Fri. & Sat.

**Hours:** Upland game (except raccoons, opossums & frogs) 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset. Raccoons & frogs may be hunted at night. Season for hunting on private shooting preserves is October 15 – March 31.

**NOTE:** Small game hunting may be open on some state wildlife areas during January firearms deer seasons. Consult wildlife area maps for details.

## ***MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SECTION***

### **SUMMARY OF FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS**

**The following is a synopsis of Federal Regulations that pertain to the hunting of migratory game birds. Persons requiring more information should go to <http://www.fws.gov/hunting/whatres.html>, where they will find a complete version of 50 CFR Part 20. When State law is different from the following Federal law the hunter must comply with the most restrictive law.**

#### **What terms do I need to understand?**

Migratory Birds are birds protected by federal law as a result of treaties signed with other countries. Protected migratory birds are listed in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Section. 10.13. This list includes almost all birds found in the United States with the exception of the house sparrow, feral pigeon (commonly called rock dove), European starling, Eurasian collared-dove, mute swan, and upland game birds (which are protected by state laws).

All migratory birds are protected. However, a subset of migratory birds classified as migratory game birds and may be hunted in accordance with State and Federal regulations. The list of migratory game birds includes species of ducks, geese (including brant), swans, doves and pigeons, cranes, rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens, woodcock and snipe, if there is an open season.

Daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

Aggregate daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or for more than one species for which a combined daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily bag limit prescribed for any one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

Possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

Aggregate possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species taken in the United States permitted to be possessed by any one person when taking and possession occurs in more than one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed. The aggregate possession limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the species or specified geographic areas in which taking and possession occurs.

Personal abode means one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

#### **Migratory bird preservation facility means:**

- (1) Any person who, at their residence or place of business and for hire or other consideration; or
- (2) Any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which, for hire or other consideration; or
- (3) Any hunting club which, in the normal course of operations; receives, possesses, or has in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

Normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal agricultural operation means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal soil stabilization practice means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

Baited area means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, disking, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

Natural vegetation means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.

### **What hunting methods are illegal?**

No persons shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;
- With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. This restriction does not apply during dates States have selected under the Conservation Order for light geese (i.e. greater and lesser snow and Ross's geese) or those selected for the control of resident Canada geese.
- From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
- From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;
- From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased;
- By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;

- By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. This restriction does not apply during dates States have selected under the Conservation Order for light geese (i.e. greater and lesser snow and Ross's geese) or those selected for the control of resident Canada geese.
- By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;
- By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

It is legal to take migratory game birds including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:

- Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics);
- Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or
- Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

It is legal to take migratory game birds, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

Wanton waste of migratory game birds No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Non-toxic Shot No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), or coots while possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see ([http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/nontoxic\\_shot/nontoxic.htm](http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/nontoxic_shot/nontoxic.htm))

Opening Day of a Season No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

Field Possession Limit No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Tagging requirement No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Custody of birds of another No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Termination of possession Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

Gift of migratory game birds No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

Transportation of birds of another No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Species identification requirement No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

Marking package or container No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) that is validated by the hunter signing the stamp in ink across the face of the stamp.

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges opened to public hunting. For additional information on refuge specific regulations see <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/>

### **NON-TOXIC SHOT**

Non-toxic shot, as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is required for all waterfowl hunting within the State of Delaware. **There are no exceptions.** Currently approved non-toxic shot types are steel shot, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin.

### **CAUTION:**

**Shot carries beyond the lethal range. Duck hunters should use extreme caution when selecting the direction they shoot in.**

## **HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM – H.I.P.**

If you are a Delaware migratory bird hunter (ducks, geese, doves, woodcock, rails, snipe, and coots); LISTEN UP – You will have to have a H.I.P number in 2010. What is H.I.P.? H.I.P. is the “Harvest Information Program” being implemented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Actually, it was started in 1992 when California, Missouri, and South Dakota participated in the pilot program. For many years, the USFWS has collected waterfowl harvest information through an after the season survey of hunters who purchased Federal duck stamps. This survey was fine for its time, but better information is now needed. Also, the existing survey has not provided harvest data on other migratory birds like doves and woodcock. H.I.P. will fulfill these needs. Under the Harvest Information Program, migratory bird hunters need a special permit to hunt. To get the permit, hunters have to provide their name and address, and answer a few questions about their previous year’s hunting effort and success. This information is collected by the state, remains totally confidential, and goes immediately to the USFWS who randomly selects hunters to receive a survey form. This way, hunters have the forms to record harvest information during the season instead of after the fact like the old survey requires. By surveying while hunting is going on, much better information should be available to the Service for evaluating bird harvest and the status of migratory bird species. If you are going to hunt migratory birds in Delaware during the 2010-2011 season, you **MUST** have a H.I.P. permit. Call toll free 1-877-335-2447 to obtain your permit number or [www.dehip.com](http://www.dehip.com). **THIS PERMIT IS FREE.**

## **2010 YOUTH HUNT**

### **Youth Waterfowl Hunt, October 16, 2010\***

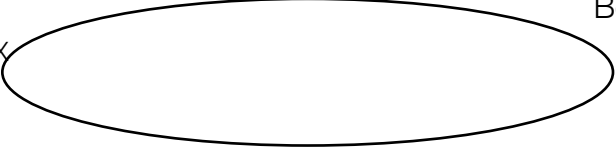
- Open statewide on private and public lands, including state wildlife areas and the federal refuges. The lottery drawing for state blinds is 1.5 hours before legal shooting time except for the Little Creek WMA where the drawing is 2 hours before legal shooting time. Hunters should arrive prior to 2 hours before legal shooting time to sign up for the lottery.
- Children 10-15 years old may hunt, but must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. No state or federal stamps are required. Thirteen, fourteen and fifteen year old hunters must purchase a Delaware junior hunting license.
- The normal limits and duck hunting regulations apply. Snow geese may be taken. Two Canada geese may be taken. Adults may not hunt ducks or Canada geese, but may hunt snow geese. Adults may not hunt ducks, Canada geese or snow geese at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

\* Pending federal approval – See 2010 Waterfowl Season Summary Pamphlet for approved date.

**Waterfowl regulations were adopted through Federal regulations.**



## DELAWARE SMALL BOAT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

EQUIPMENT	CLASS A (less than 16 feet)	CLASS 1 (16 feet to less than 26 feet)
1. Registration fee	\$10.00	\$20.00
2. Decals & boat number	Display properly on bow	Display properly on bow
3. Personal flotation Device (PFD)*Must be serviceable (see below)	One approved Type I, II, III or V for each person on board plus one throwable Type IV	One approve Type I, II, III or V for each person on board plus one throwable Type IV.
4. Whistle	One hand, mouth or power operated, and audible at least one half (1/2) mile	One hand, mouth or power operated, and audible at least one half (1/2) mile
5. Fire Extinguisher Portable	One type B-1, if carrying passengers for hire, or if boat construction will permit entrapment of flammable vapors.	One type B-1, if carrying passengers for hire, or if boat construction will permit entrapment of flammable vapors.
6. Lights	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Stern</p> <p>X</p> <p>White lights all around</p> </div>  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Bow</p> <p>X Red light</p> <p>X Green light</p> </div> </div>	
7. Ventilation	At least two ventilator ducts fitted with cowls or equivalent, if boat construction will permit entrapment of flammable vapors.	
8. Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay and Delaware River South of Artificial Island—U.S. Coast Guard regulations require all vessels to carry day and night distress signaling devices. Outboard motorboats less than 16' in length are exempt from daytime requirements.		

\* Test for serviceability of PFD—All PFD's must be readily accessible, in serviceable condition, legibly marked with approval number of the U.S. Coast Guard and be of appropriate size. PFD's must have flotation material without rot or being waterlogged, untorn or damaged coverings and straps in good condition.

## Waterfowl Hunters and Boats

Each year more hunters die from drowning and the effects of hypothermia than from gunshot wounds. Most of the accident reports from waterborne hunting fatalities are not dramatic stories. The hunter didn't succumb in an "Outdoor Life and Death" struggle. Rather the accident reports usually read: "Fell out of boat reaching for a decoy and never resurfaced" or capsized boat due to overloading or uneven distribution of decoys, dog, and other hunters. Many hunters do not regard themselves as a "boater" and as a consequence do not consider the special conditions and challenges of the marine environment. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) are essential and should be worn at all times. Statistics show that the great majority of capsizing and falls overboard occur with boats less than 20 feet in length. Special type III (wearable) vests for hunting are available and are comfortable and warm for the coldest, nastiest duck and goose hunting days. They can be purchased in camo colors. Hunters use smaller, more easily transportable craft like john boats, bass boats or canoes. Some boat designs are not as stable as others. These types, because of their flat bottoms or narrow beams, are more prone to swamping or capsizing. How can you avoid an unplanned fall into the water?

- Wear your lifejacket. Camouflage float coats are available at most marine dealers.
- Never cross large bodies of water during rough weather in a boat that can't take the conditions due to size and/or overloading.
- Stay with your boat if you capsize and can't get to shore. Try to climb on it.
- Avoid standing up or moving around in the boat as little as possible.
- Never move about your boat with a loaded gun or rifle.
- Don't overload, read the capacity plate attached to the inside hull as a guide.
- Distribute you gear eventually.
- Don't drink alcohol , it lowers your body core temperature and encourages one to take chances they wouldn't normally take.

Every sensible hunter knows that guns, alcohol and drugs don't mix. Hunting under the influence of alcohol is a Federal hunting violation not excluding loss of state hunting license if convicted. Those persons born on or after January 1, 1978 must take an approved boating certification course before operating a boat. Contact the Office of Boating Education for more information on taking a boating education course at 302-739-9915 or take an on line course at [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com)

## **TAKE A BOATING EDUCATION COURSE**

### **1-800-464-4357 or 739-9915**

## **WATERFOWL HUNTER WATER SURVIVAL TIPS**

Most drownings could have been prevented. What causes them? Drownings occur because the victim made the wrong decision, did not realize the dangers of boating in rough, cold water, was not properly prepared, had the wrong equipment, or failed to wear a life-jacket (PFD). Small boats, by their very nature, are extremely unstable crafts. Often the victim of a small boat accident did not realize just how unstable his craft was. Add to this, cold, rough water, and the chances for survival for the sportsman fallen overboard are very slim. COLD WATER KILLS—even those in excellent condition who know how to swim.

### **The Five Primary Causes of Water Deaths are:**

- 1 Hypothermia – The rapid loss of body heat in cold water.
- 2 "Dry" Drowning – Constriction of the throat, and the resulting suffocation, due to a sudden inrush of cold water.
- 3 "Wet" Drowning – The displacement of air in the lungs by water.
- 4 Massive Heart Attacks in older, out-of-shape, non-swimmers in cold water.
- 5 Being run over by own boat, especially when starting in gear.

### **DROWNING IS THE PRIME CAUSE OF HUNTING DEATHS!**

Aggressive CPR (rescue breathing and heart massage) can save your life. What do you and your fishing, hunting, and canoeing friends know about it?

### **MANY PEOPLE—APPARENTLY DEAD FROM DROWNING—MAY NOT BE!**

Cold water not only kills, but in some instances, it preserves. Warming drowning victims from the inside out by CPR or warm, moist inhalation may bring them back to life!

## **SNOW GEESE**

Hunters are reminded that Delaware and Maryland have a reciprocal agreement for hunting snow geese. Delaware hunters can hunt snow geese in Maryland with their Delaware hunting license provided they have a Maryland duck stamp, a Federal Duck Stamp, a Maryland H.I.P. number and are in compliance with Maryland Hunter Safety laws. Maryland hunters can hunt snow geese in Delaware with their Maryland hunting license provided they have a Delaware duck stamp, a Federal Duck Stamp, a Delaware H.I.P. number and are in compliance with the Delaware Hunter Safety laws. This agreement only applies to residents of Maryland and Delaware.

## **WATERFOWL**

- The non-resident 3-day hunting license can now be used to hunt waterfowl provided the hunter has purchased the federal and state waterfowl stamps and has a H.I.P. permit.

## **Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How concerned should Delaware bird hunters be about Avian Influenza H5N1?**

Hunters should be aware of and educated about highly pathogenic (HP) Avian Influenza (A1) H5N1, but not overly concerned about it at present. Cases of human infections of HP H5N1 from wild birds are extremely rare and no occurrences have occurred from hunter-harvested birds. Additionally at present, HP H5N1 has not been found in any birds in Delaware, the Atlantic Flyway or North America. Also, it is not clear how persistent this virus is in wild bird populations or whether wild birds pose a long-distance, long-term means of spreading this disease. More research and surveillance over the coming year will allow better assessments of risks to birds and people in Delaware. Hunters should take common-sense precautions and use good hygiene while hunting, cleaning birds and preparing game for the table.

### **Can humans catch avian influenza from wild birds?**

Cases of human infections of HP H5N1 from wild birds are extremely rare and, to date, are associated only with handling birds found dead, but additional direct transmission from wild birds to humans cannot be excluded. Normally, avian flu viruses are primarily a “bird disease” passed between various species of wild birds, with some highly pathogenic forms affecting domestic poultry. Almost all of the relatively small number of human cases of AI H5N1 have occurred in people who have been heavily exposed to infected poultry or involved in poultry processing.

### **How can I protect myself from avian influenza (H5N1) and other diseases while hunting?**

Since it is possible that AI HP H5N1 as well as other diseases may be acquired from hunter contact with infected birds, hunters should take these common-sense precautions:

- Do not handle birds that are obviously sick or birds found dead.
- Keep your game birds cool, clean, and dry.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while cleaning your birds.
- Use rubber gloves when cleaning game.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes after dressing birds.
- Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward; use hot soapy water, then disinfect with a 10% chlorine bleach solution.
- Cook game meat thoroughly (165°F internal temperature) to kill disease organisms and parasites.

### **What about hunting dogs? Are they at risk?**

Dogs used for hunting are not considered to be at risk. Dog owners should consult with their veterinarians for more information about avian influenza in pets.

## FURBEARER TRAPPING AND HUNTING SECTION

### 2010-2011 FURBEARER TRAPPING SEASONS

SPECIES	SEASON
Muskrat, mink, otter	New Castle County** Dec. 1- Mar. 10
raccoon,* opossum	Kent & Sussex Counties Dec.15 - Mar. 15

\*Box traps may be used for raccoon during the hunting “kill” season.

\*\*In New Castle County, on embanked meadows, the season closes March 20.

### FOOTHOLD TRAPS

Foothold traps may only be used with permission of the landowner and only during the muskrat season, except in certain areas where they may be used throughout the year (except on Sundays) to trap raccoons in eastern New Castle and Kent Counties (see page 39). Foothold traps larger than No. 1 1/2 or No. 1 coil-spring may only be used in tidal areas including: tidal marshes; below the mean high tide in rivers; diked marsh that was formerly tidal; or islands surrounded by tidal marsh. River otters may be trapped in mill ponds and streams with a special free permit from the Division.

All Foothold traps, except No. 1 1/2 or No. 1 coil spring, must be tagged with either the trapper's name and address or the trapper's license number and the year of its issuance. All other traps, except muskrat traps, must be also marked with identification (such as box traps). Small leghold traps (No. 1 1/2 or smaller/No. 1 coil-spring or smaller) may be used in any marsh, stream, or ditch normally containing water, or freshwater wetlands in addition to being lawful in tidal areas.

### State Wildlife Areas

Each year the Division accepts sealed bids for persons to trap muskrat and raccoon on its wildlife areas. Bidding information is published in mid-September with the bid opening in mid-October. Areas available for lease include: C&D Canal – 6 units; Augustine – 7 units; Woodland Beach – 3 units; Little Creek – 8 units; Milford Neck – 3 units; Prime Hook- State Area: Lewes Rehoboth – 2 units; Nanticoke – 2 units; Cedar Swamp – 5 units; Assawoman – 1 unit. No trapping is permitted on any Division lands without a permit.

### TRAPPING PROHIBITIONS – It is unlawful to:

- Use traps to take game animals except muskrats, mink and otter. Box traps may be used by landowners to trap rabbits during the open season.
- Set any type of trap except in marshes, streams or ditches (rabbit, raccoon and opossum Box traps may be set elsewhere).
- Use any type of trap, except for muskrats, without marking the trap with a metal tag stating the trapper's license number and year or his name and address.
- Fail to visit traps less than once every 24 hours.
- Use or possess killer or conibear traps with a jaw spread in excess of 5 inches.
- Set traps any time before the opening day of a season or any time after the last day of a season. (There is no provision in Delaware's laws to set up traps the day before a season opens or to allow the removal of traps for several days after a season closes.)
- Use diving or box traps for muskrats.

## RACCOON, OPOSSUM and RED FOX HUNTING 2010-2011 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Species	Open Season	Daily Limit	Note
Raccoon and Opossum	Sept. 1 – Oct. 7 Chase Oct. 16* – Oct. 31 Chase Nov. 1 – Nov. 11 Hunt Nov. 20* - Feb. 28 Hunt Mar. 1 – Mar. 31 Chase	No Limit	Season closed statewide during Nov. shotgun and Oct. muzzleloader deer seasons. Hunt hours 7:00 p.m.-midnight during Dec. and Jan. deer seasons. See below for special zone where season is open all year except Sundays and during deer seasons listed above. *Season reopens one hour after sunset
Red Fox	Chase: Oct. 1 - Apr. 30* except season closed during deer gun seasons Oct. thru Dec. See page 18 for deer season dates.  Hunt: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 Statewide	No Limit	*From Jan.-Apr. fox hunting by chase during deer hunting season shall be permissible on private lands only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday if the owner of the private land has authorized such hunting to occur thereon.

**Hours: Fox and opossum-1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset. Raccoons may be hunted at night.**  
**Season for hunting on private shooting preserves is October 15 – March 31.**

### RACCOONS

Raccoons may be trapped in season statewide with box traps operated to confine but not harm the entrapped animal. The trap opening may not exceed 195 square inches. Raccoons may be hunted and trapped on private land only, at any time of the year, except on Sundays, in New Castle or Kent Counties from the southerly boundary of Rt. 380 and east and southeast of the center line of Rt. 13 and Rt. 113, south to the Saint Jones River with permission of the landowner.

### BEAVER

Landowners with damage caused by beavers may take up to 8 per season without a permit from December 1 through March 20 provided they report their catch by April 1. Beavers may be taken at any other time or more than 8 may be taken with a permit from the Division. Beaver hides and the meat of lawfully taken beaver harvested anywhere within or outside of Delaware may be sold.

### RED FOX

Landowners may apply to the Division of Fish and Wildlife for a permit to control red foxes on their property. Hides of foxes legally taken may be sold.

### PLACING AND REMOVING TRAPS FROM THE FIELD

It is unlawful to place traps (set or unset) in the field prior to the opening of the trapping season. All traps must be removed from the field by the last day of the trapping season.

## ***PUBLIC LANDS HUNTING AND TRAPPING SECTION***

### **Public Hunting Areas within Each County and Zone**

#### **National Wildlife Refuges**

Bombay Hook NWR – Kent County, Zone 5

Prime Hook NWR – Sussex County, Zones 9 and 12

#### **State Forests**

Blackbird SF – New Castle and Kent Counties, Zone 2

Redden SF – Sussex County, Zones 8, 11, 12, and 15

Taber SF – Kent County, Zone 7

#### **State Parks**

Brandywine Creek SP – New Castle County, Zone 1

Cape Henlopen SP – Sussex County, Zone 9

Delaware Seashore SP – Sussex County, Zone 15

Fort Delaware SP – New Castle County, Zone 1

Fort DuPont SP – New Castle County, Zone 1

Holts Landing SP – Sussex County, Zone 15

Killen Pond SP – Kent County, Zone 8

Lums Pond SP – New Castle County, Zone 1

Trap Pond SP – Sussex County, Zone 16

White Clay Creek SP – New Castle County, Zone 1

#### **Wildlife Areas and Industrial Forest Lands**

Assawoman WA – Sussex County, Zones 15 and 17

Augustine WA – New Castle County, Zone 3

Blackbird Reserve DNERR, Zone 3

Blackbird Reserve Wildlife Area, Zone 3

Blackiston WA – Kent County, Zone 4

C&D Canal WA – New Castle County, Zones 1, 2, and 3

Cedar Swamp WA – New Castle County, Zone 3

Industrial Forest Lands – Sussex County, Zones 11, 13, and 16

Little Creek WA – Kent County, Zone 5

Marshy Hope WA – Sussex County, Zone 10

McGinnis Pond WA – Kent County – Zone 8

Midlands WA – Sussex County, Zone 14

Milford Neck WA – Kent and Sussex Counties, Zone 9

Nanticoke WA – Sussex County, Zone 13

Norman G. Wilder WA – Kent County, Zone 6

Old Furnace WA – Sussex County, Zone 11

Prime Hook WA – Sussex County, Zone 9

Ted Harvey WA – Kent County, Zones 5 and 8

Woodland Beach WA – Kent County, Zone 5

## X= Game Types

### Usually Available

<b>DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS</b>	<b>Small Game</b>	<b>Waterfowl</b>	<b>Deer</b>
C&D Canal Wildlife Area (5,178 acres)	X	X	X
Blackbird Reserve Wildlife Area (535 acres)	X		X
Augustine Wildlife Area (2,667 acres)	X	X	X
Cedar Swamp Wildlife Area (5,515 acres)	X	X	X
Ted Harvey Wildlife Area (2,661 acres)	X	X	X
Woodland Beach Wildlife Area (6,320 acres)	X	X	X
Blackiston Wildlife Area (2,238 acres)	X	X	X
Fortney-Urban Wildlife Area (365 acres)			X
Little Creek Wildlife Area (4,721)	X	X	X
Norman G. Wilder Wildlife Area (4,418 acres)	X		X
McGinnis Pond Wildlife Area (96 acres)	X		X
Milford Neck Wildlife Area (5,459 acres)	X	X	X
Prime Hook State Wildlife Area (698 acres)	X	X	X
Robert Graham-Nanticoke Wildlife Area (4,415 acres)	X	X	X
Assawoman Wildlife Area (3,100 acres)	X	X	X
Barr Complex Wildlife Area (1,637)	X		X
Old Furnace Wildlife Area (2,139 acres)	X		X
Midlands Wildlife Area (2,126 acres)	X		X
Marshy Hope Wildlife Area (1,029 acres)	X	X	X

**Maps are available for these areas. See page 43 for details. Turkey hunting is available on most of these areas. See page 28 for details.**

## WATERFOWL HUNTING ON PUBLIC LANDS

Waterfowl hunters have a variety of opportunities to hunt on public lands in Delaware. The following areas have waterfowl hunting available.

C&D Canal, Reedy Island, and Nanticoke – First come-first served basis from blinds and blind sites. Jump shooting is available. Consult area maps for specific regulations.

Cedar Swamp (19 water blinds, 3 pond blinds, 10 pits); Woodland Beach (31 water blinds, 3 pits, 3 lake blinds); Little Creek – Ted Harvey (35 river and impoundment blinds); Assawoman (19 bay blinds); Prime Hook (25 blinds); Augustine/Appoquinimink (23 water blinds); and Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge/Kelley Island (20 river blinds). Blinds are issued on a daily lottery through checking stations on each area. Kelley Island and Prime Hook are open only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Milford Neck/Cedar Creek (16 sites). Piney Point (Assawoman) 5 sites. Areas open for first come-first served use from blinds only. Most sites have state built blinds that are not grassed. Some sites are open for the public

to build blinds.

Little Creek, south on the Pickering Beach Road and north of the Mahon Road;  
Milford Neck – open for “jump” shooting.

Maps are available for all areas that show boundary lines, blind locations, and launch ramps. Special rules that pertain are listed.

Waterfowl blinds for the non-ambulatory disabled hunters are available at Cedar Swamp, Assawoman, Woodland Beach, Little Creek and Ted Harvey Areas. Interested parties may apply using the application form found in this booklet.

## **DEER HUNTING**

Shotgun deer hunting is available by permit only for White Clay Creek, Fort DuPont, Fort Delaware and Brandywine Creek State Parks and some areas of Cape Henlopen State Park; Blackbird State Forest; Ennis Tract at Woodland Beach; Cedar Swamp; Ted Harvey-Logan Lane and Buckaloo Tracts, Augustine and Assawoman State Wildlife Areas. Except for Brandywine Creek State Park, the above areas will utilize a daily lottery. Elevated stands are provided for each permittee. Deer hunting at Lums Pond State Park is by permit only and hunters should contact the Lums Pond office for details (302-368-6989).

Deer hunting is also available at many other state wildlife areas without a permit. Check area maps for details of specific rules regarding types of hunting available.

## **RULES FOR STATE WILDLIFE AREAS**

### ***Hunters are advised to check each area map for specific rules and information.***

All vehicles used on wildlife areas must be licensed, use only designated roads, not exceed 20 m.p.h., and not make excessive noise. See wildlife area maps for detailed regulations.

- No person may trespass into areas closed by the Division.
- Entry limited from sunrise to sunset, except to lawfully hunt and fish.
- No camping or swimming without special authorization of the Division.
- No dumping or littering, no target shooting including paintball.
- Hunting can only be done as specified on area maps available free from the Division and from area managers.
- Horses may be used on wildlife areas only on established roads open to vehicular traffic. No off road vehicles registered or unregistered.
- Waterfowl may be hunted on each area only as posted. See wildlife area maps for details.
- No firearms on Division lands from March 1 – August 31 except during legal hunting seasons or authorized by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- No rifled guns allowed on lands along the C&D Canal except muzzleloaders and shotguns during the deer seasons when it is lawful to use such firearms.
- Firearms may not be discharged on Sunday except in designated areas.
- No firearms are permitted on dikes and walking on dikes is prohibited during the waterfowl season.
- No trapping on state areas without a valid lease. Leases will be bid in September of each year.
- Non-resident hunters may not participate in deer drives.
- Small game hunting closed during some deer seasons. See area maps for details.



- No baiting for deer hunting.
- Training dogs on State Wildlife Areas is prohibited except during open hunting seasons for the game that the dog is being trained to hunt or within dog training areas established by the Division.
- No permanent non-state deer stands are allowed and all parts of a portable deer stand must be removed at the end of each days hunt. No screw-in steps or stands allowed.

## AREA MAPS

Maps for all state wildlife areas may be obtained from the Division of Fish and Wildlife Office, 89 Kings Hwy., Dover, Delaware 19901. Regulations covering each area are included. Individuals can receive up to 5 maps free. Additional maps will cost 50 cents each. A complete booklet of maps can be obtained for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping. Maps are also available free on the Division's Web Site ([www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov)).

- Hunters should note that days open for hunting some species on public lands may vary from the general hunting season. Hunters should check the regulations for each public area they plan to hunt.

## PUBLIC LANDS BLIND SITE FEE

Hunters that use a State Wildlife Area blind or stand for waterfowl or deer hunting that was assigned through a lottery must purchase a \$20 annual blind site permit. All individuals must be in possession of a permit when using the blind or stand. There are no exemptions. These permits can be purchased where hunting licenses are sold. They are also available for computer online purchasing.

## Rules For Delaware Forest Service Lands (Blackbird, Redden, and Taber State Forests) (Administered by Delaware Forest Service, Department of Agriculture)

- For Redden State Forest information call (302) 856-2893.
- For Blackbird State Forest call (302) 653-6505.
- For Taber State Forest call (302) 698-4549.

## Hunting Rules and Regulations On State Forests

**The following rules and regulations apply to ALL State Forest lands:**

- State Forests are year-round multiple use areas. Hunters share the use of State Forest Lands with other public users such as hikers, campers, horseback riders, firewood cutters, and loggers.
- No special permits are required to hunt on State Forest lands, **except as specified in the DNREC, Division of Fish and Wildlife annual Hunting and Trapping Guide.** Properly licensed hunters may hunt during any open season except on areas designated, such as those marked with Wildlife Sanctuary, NO HUNTING, or Safety Zone signs.
- Hunting is only permitted as specified on State Forest maps available free-of-charge from State Forest Offices and on-line at <http://dda.delaware.gov/forestry/maps.shtml>.
- No permanent deer stands, platforms, ladders, or blinds may be constructed. No screw-in steps, tree spikes, screws, or nails are allowed. All parts of temporary (portable) deer stands must be removed on the final day of the January muzzleloader season; any stands remaining after this date will be removed and become property of the Delaware Forest Service.
- Deer drives by any person or persons are not permitted on any State Forest land at any time.
- Portions of some State Forest tracts are only open to archery hunting for deer. Please contact your local State Forest office for more information.

- Small game hunting is closed on State Forest lands during firearm deer season.
- The Delaware Forest Service reserves the right to close to hunting specific State Forest tracts during specific hunting seasons. Therefore, it is important to consult the current hunting guide for a listing of these closures.
- Trapping rights may be leased for State Forest lands. No other trapping is permitted on State Forest lands.
- Target shooting is prohibited. Firearms are allowed for legal hunting only, and are prohibited on State Forest Lands from March 1 through August 31.
- Waterfowl hunting is not permitted on State Forest land or waters.
- No dumping or littering.
- Placing paint, ribbon, flagging, reflectors, etc., is not permitted
- No living trees, shrubs or other vegetation may be cut, felled, uprooted, removed or otherwise injured or destroyed.
- No off-road vehicles registered or unregistered.
- Camping is available by permit in designated areas only.
- It is unlawful to use bait for hunting purposes on all State lands.
- No parking in front of access gates to State forest lands

**The following hunting restrictions apply to several tracts at Blackbird State Forest. Maps delineating these areas are available at Blackbird State Forest headquarters or by calling (302) 653-6505.**

- Deer hunting is limited to numbered stands on Tybout, White Road, Dulany and South Barlow Tracts.
- Double stands can only be used by either one adult or one adult and one youth.
- For shotgun season, stands will be chosen in a lottery. There will be a daily lottery held at Blackbird State Forest headquarters, located on the Tybout Tract on Blackbird Forest Road (Rd 471), 1.5 hours before legal hunting time.
- For Muzzleloader season there will be a lottery held at Blackbird State Forest Headquarters, located on the Tybout Tract on Blackbird Forest Road (Rd 471), 1.5 hours before legal hunting time.
- For the October antlerless deer seasons, the Tybout Tract, including the Reynolds Farm, will be closed for hunting (this includes stands 1-22 and R1 – R5). The stands on White Road, Dulany Manor, and Barlow will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through the stand permit box at Blackbird State Forest Headquarters located on the Tybout Tract on Blackbird Forest Road; there will be no stand lottery for the October antlerless season.
- Dulany Tract is managed for Quality Deer Management only.
- No small game hunting on Dulany Tract.
- Please note that archery hunting is the only type of hunting allowed on the Meadows and North Barlow Tracts. The Meadows Tract contains the Blackbird State Forest Education Center, which includes an outdoor education trail, so hunters should be aware that they may encounter other individuals on this property.
- All hunters on these tracts, during shotgun and muzzleloader season, must hunt from the stand only, as walk around hunting is not permitted.
- During Archery season bowhunters must be within 50 yards of their designated stand.
- Stands will be available during Archery season on a first come first served basis.
- No more than one hunter may hunt from a stand at any one time.
- Squirrel hunting is not allowed with a rifle or muzzleloading rifle. Shotgun squirrel hunting is permitted.

**The following hunting restrictions apply to Taber State Forest.**

- Squirrel hunting is not allowed with a rifle or muzzleloading rifle. Shotgun squirrel hunting is permitted.
- For deer hunting, only the entrails (internal organs known as viscera) may be left behind on State property; all other deer parts must be removed from State property.

**HUNTING AT BOMBAY HOOK & PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**

Stretched along the eastern coastline of Delaware near Milton and Smyrna and covering 26,000 acres, the Bombay Hook & Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife. Featuring tidal salt marshes, impounded marshes, timbered swamps, ponds, and upland areas of forests and fields, these refuges support an abundance of wildlife. Tens of thousands of waterfowl arrive in the fall and songbirds and shorebirds migrate through in the spring and summer. The refuges are also havens for wading birds, ospreys, bald eagles, and more. Deer, red foxes, beavers, and grassland birds are found on these refuges, as well as many species of turtles, fish, insects, non-poisonous snakes, frogs, and salamanders.

Game species are sought after by avid hunters on both refuges. Hunting, which is identified by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 as one of the six wildlife-dependent recreational uses on refuges, is an important part of Delaware's heritage and tradition. Public hunting opportunities are available for deer, upland game & webless migratory birds, and waterfowl on both refuges. A complete listing of hunting information and regulations can be accessed for Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge at <http://bombayhook.fws.gov> or (302) 653-9345 and for Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge at <http://primehook.fws.gov> or (302) 684-8419.

Prime Hook and Bombay Hook have a long standing history of partnering with the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife. A few of the many examples of these conservation highlights include endangered species management, enhancing hunter education & hunting opportunities, improving wildlife habitat, and promoting outreach and environmental education.

**HUNTING ON STATE PARK LANDS**

X= Game Types

Usually Available

<b>DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION HUNTING AREAS</b>	<b>Small Game</b>	<b>Waterfowl</b>	<b>Deer</b>
White Clay Creek State Park (3,500 acres)			X
Brandywine Creek State Park (600 acres)			X
Lums Pond State Park (1,000 acres)	X		X
Cape Henlopen State Park (5,000 acres)	X	X	X
Delaware Seashore State Park (821 acres)	X	X	X
Fresh Pond State Park (475 acres)	X		X
Fenwick Island State Park (114 acres)	X		
Holts Landing State Park (202 acres)			X
Trap Pond State Park (3,000 acres)	X		X
Fort DuPont State Park (40 acres)		X	X
Fort Delaware State Park (210 acres)		X	X

## 2010-2011 APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC LAND TURKEY AND DEER HUNT

- REMEMBER: YOU CAN'T APPLY FOR A PUBLIC LAND TURKEY PERMIT IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY CLASS.

HUNTER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE EXEMPT ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

### TURKEY LOTTERY APPLICATION

#### TURKEY AREA SELECTION

Select up to 3 preferred areas and mark them 1, 2 & 3 in order of preference.

(WA = Wildlife Area, SF = State Forest)

\_\_\_\_ Assawoman WA

\_\_\_\_ Nanticoke WA

\_\_\_\_ Blackbird SF

\_\_\_\_ Norman G. Wilder WA

\_\_\_\_ Blackiston WA

\_\_\_\_ Old Furnace WA

\_\_\_\_ Blackbird Reserve WA

\_\_\_\_ Prime Hook State WA

\_\_\_\_ Cedar Swamp WA

\_\_\_\_ Redden SF (includes Barr Complex)

\_\_\_\_ C&D Canal WA

\_\_\_\_ Taber SF

\_\_\_\_ Industrial Forest WA

\_\_\_\_ Ted Harvey(Buckaloo Tract)

\_\_\_\_ Little Creek WA

\_\_\_\_ Ted Harvey(Logan Lane Tract)

\_\_\_\_ Marshy Hope WA

\_\_\_\_ Urban/Fortney WA

\_\_\_\_ Midlands WA

\_\_\_\_ Woodland Beach WA

\_\_\_\_ Milford Neck WA

IF YOU WOULD ACCEPCT ANY AREA IF YOUR PREFERENCES ARE FILLED

CHECK THIS BOX ☐

#### TURKEY SEASON SELECTION

Select up to 3 preferred seasons and

mark them 1, 2, & 3 in order

of preference.

\_\_\_\_ Segment A

\_\_\_\_ Segment B

\_\_\_\_ Segment C

\_\_\_\_ Segment D

IF YOU WOULD ACCEPCT ANOTHER

SEASON SEGMENT IF YOUR

PREFERENCES ARE FILLED CHECK

THIS BOX ☐

### BRANDYWINE CREEK STATE PARK DEER HUNT APPLICATION

The deer hunt at Brandywine Creek State Park will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup>. and 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Select your date preference(s) and mark them 1 & 2 in order of preference. \_\_\_\_ DEC. 14 \_\_\_\_ DEC. 15

## **2010-2011 APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC LAND TURKEY AND DEER HUNT**

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

- PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY.
- ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON. MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION WILL DISQUALIFY YOU.
- PREFERRED DATES WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER AREAS
- THE WILDLIFE SECTION MUST RECEIVE THE BRANDYWINE DEER HUNT APPLICATION BY OCTOBER 1, 2010.
- THE WILDLIFE SECTION MUST RECEIVE TURKEY HUNT APPLICATIONS BY JANUARY 14, 2011.
- **REMEMBER: YOU CAN'T APPLY FOR A PUBLIC LAND TURKEY PERMIT IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY CLASS.**
- SUCCESSFUL AND NON-SUCCESSFUL LOTTERY APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL
- **MAIL THE APPLICATION TO : WILDLIFE SECTION, 6180 HAY POINT LANDING ROAD, SMYRNA, DE 19977**



## **THE DELAWARE HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM 2010- 2011 (UPDATED 11MAY10)**

Delaware's Hunter Education Program was established in 1970. Section 501, Title 7, Delaware Code, requires all persons born after January 1, 1967 to satisfactorily complete a Basic Hunter Education Course in order to obtain a Delaware hunting license or Youth Hunting License. Since 1970, tens of thousands of Delaware hunters have been certified by the volunteer instructors of the Delaware Hunter Education Program. The program has been extremely successful and effective in significantly reducing risk and accidents.

Emerging factors have recently increased in importance in the area of the hunter education curriculum. Changing demographics and the decreasing amount of habitat and accessible open space for hunting have created new considerations for hunters, landowners, the Division of Fish and Wildlife and Delaware's general public who may or may not be hunters themselves. In response, the Delaware Hunter Education Program has also changed to meet the demands and challenges of a new hunting era. Today's curriculum includes an increased emphasis on safety and ethical behavior landowner relations, wildlife identification, wildlife management and conservation, hunting and game laws and their enforcement.

**NEED A NEW HUNTER EDUCATION CARD?**  
**WANT TO SEE WHERE & WHEN COURSES ARE SCHEDULED?**  
**NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS OR CHANGE YOUR**  
**CONTACT INFO?**  
**WANT TO FIND AND SIGN UP FOR A COURSE?**  
**USE YOUR ON-LINE ACCESS AT: [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov)**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Courses are offered throughout the year and are free of charge. Please try to complete your training at least one month before you plan to hunt. Your certification cards can be printed out online a few days after you complete the course. The card must be presented to purchase a Delaware hunting license.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Seating is limited and classes will fill quickly as hunting season approaches. Delaware law now requires live firing of a shotgun as part of basic hunter education.

**A RELEASE OF LIABILITY IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANY HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE WITH LIVE FIRING.** The form is a legal release. It can be downloaded and filled out when registering online or requested by calling the Hunter Education Office 302-735-3600.

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN NEEDS TO SIGN FOR YOU AND HAVE THEIR SIGNATURE VERIFIED BY A NOTARY.**

**IF YOU ARE 18 OR OLDER, YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE THE WAIVER NOTARIZED.**

**THE ORIGINAL MUST BE MAILED BACK TO THE HUNTER EDUCATION OFFICE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COURSE BEGIN TO VALIDATE YOUR COURSE REGISTRATION.**

A copy is also available in the Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide or may be picked up at the DNREC R & R Building at 89 Kings Highway in Dover. Certification will not be issued to youths under the age of ten. Students under the age of twelve must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Parents are reminded that younger students require a level of maturity and vocabulary sufficient for understanding adult subject matter and completing assignments. Students of smaller physical body size may find it very difficult or impossible to successfully complete live firing exercises.

## **WARNING! DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE TO TAKE THE COURSE!**

**Classes are available somewhere in the  
state during every month of the year.**

If you plan to go hunting in the coming season, and you need hunter education certification in order to buy a hunting license, check the latest online schedule today at [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov).

The Delaware Hunter Education Program is committed to preserving Delaware's heritage of fair chase hunting. In addition to mandatory Basic Hunter Education, Turkey Education and Trapper Education courses, the program offers advanced courses in Bowhunting, Muzzleloading, Handgun Hunting for Deer, Successful Deer Hunting, Precision Firearms for Large Game, Young Waterfowler's Program, Deer Workshops etc. The DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER program now provides advanced hunter education for the experienced hunter and additionally strives to develop advocates, ambassadors and role models for hunting with the goal of continuing the heritage of responsible hunting and insuring its future for generations to come. All of these courses and programs give the hunter/trapper a resource for continued

educational opportunities that keep the hunter updated in specific disciplines. Hunters have a responsibility to themselves, other hunters, the landowner and the wildlife, to continue their education beyond the basics. More information is available online at [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov), or call the Hunter Education Coordinator at 302-735-3600.

## **COURSE OFFERINGS AND LOCATIONS**

Please note that our courses are taught by volunteer instructors who schedule most of their courses from late August through December. All class details are subject to change without notice based on availability of instructors and sufficient student participation. The classes listed below may not always be available. Not all of the printed locations may be used. The online schedule is the most accurate and will be updated immediately as soon as new courses are available and posted.

### **TRADITIONAL, LIVE BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

New hunters learn safety, ethics, firearm types, safe gun handling, marksmanship techniques, specialty hunting techniques, wildlife management, wildlife ID, survival etc. Delaware requires hunter ed certification via traditional live course or via internet course and field day for all hunters born after 01/01/1967. The courses are recognized in all states and Canadian provinces. **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.**

### **NEW! ONLINE OPTION FOR BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES**

A new option is now available for students who prefer to complete a portion of their basic hunter education online via the internet. Students can now sign up at [www.hunterexam.com](http://www.hunterexam.com) or [www.hunter-ed.com](http://www.hunter-ed.com) to complete a large part of the knowledge portion of their class. New hunters learn safety, ethics, firearm types, safe gun handling, hunting and marksmanship skills, specialty hunting techniques, wildlife management, wildlife ID, survival etc. The course and use of the web site is free but there is fee charged by the vendor for certification of successful completion. Students with certificates in hand must then register and attend a specially designed, "hands-on" field day training session for final Delaware certification. Field day training for online courses includes Delaware laws and regulations, loading, unloading, safe handling and transporting of firearms; field skills involving blinds, boats and tree stands; zones of fire; obstacle crossing; operation of safeties and shotgun live firing. **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.**



### **BOWHUNTER EDUCATION**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Though not a Delaware requirement, this special course may be required in some other states for bowhunters. Participants in this course learn bowhunting methods, game trailing and recovery, field experience, bowhunting safety, reading game signs, safe use of tree stands, calling, field dressing, and more. Youths under the age of 14 must attend with a responsible adult.

NOTE: This course offers a proficiency qualification segment recognized for certification in the DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER program. Students wishing to participate in proficiency qualification should bring their own bow, arrows and equipment. **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov).**

### **SUCCESSFUL WHITETAIL DEER HUNTING**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Whitetail deer hunting is much, much more than simply standing in the woods and shooting at the first deer that happens to come along. This advanced course was designed to improve hunting skills, inform and update hunters on subjects such as deer habits and biology, management, shot placement, harvest, blood trailing and recovery and in every aspect of whitetail deer hunting. venison hygiene. Latest tree stand developments and safe stand usage are stressed along with safety, ethics, and responsibility.

### **YOUNG WATERFOWLERS PROGRAM**

**PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Always a favorite, these courses (approx 20 hours) provide youths between the ages of 12 - 16, exposure to the complete waterfowl experience. Everything from waterfowl ID, biology, blind construction and safety, decoy use, duck calling, camouflage technique, boating safety, bird recovery, laws and regulations, language and tradition, firearms, ammo and equipment will be covered. The course includes basic hunter education and finishes with an actual mentored waterfowl hunt. Participants must be hunter education qualified prior to hunting. **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.**

### **Q.D.M.A / DIV OF FISH & WILDLIFE DEER SCHOOL**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

One of the most informative deer hunting courses you will ever find, different every year, featuring national QDMA instructors and others. Subjects usually include Delaware deer management program and harvest update, antler growth and development, ageing deer on the hoof, deer movement in Delmarva agricultural habitats, habitat improvement, questions and answers, door prizes and more. Admission is free .

### **SUCCESSFUL HUNTING WITH MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Hunting with a single shot muzzleloader is challenging. Well-honed hunting and superior marksmanship skills are needed in order to effectively harvest game with a single shot. Moving quickly beyond the basics, this course provides information on precision sighting, range and marksmanship technique, trajectory and ballistics. Stress will be on the latest trends in muzzleloader technology, updated safety information and explanation of new projectiles.

**NOTE:** This course offers a proficiency qualification segment recognized for certification in the DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER program. Students wishing to participate in proficiency qualification ( 3 shot, 3.5" group at 50 yds) should bring their own pre-sighted muzzleloader rifle, sandbags, powder and bullets with them. Eye and hearing protection required. Shooting vices, cradles and clamping devices are not permitted. **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.**

### **HANDGUN HUNTING FOR DEER**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Delaware's newest, method specific deer season now allows hunting of whitetail deer with certain handguns. This course offers a hunting oriented re-visitation of all essential fundamentals of handgun shooting and sighting in, information on techniques, equipment and safety.

**NOTE:** This course offers a proficiency qualification segment recognized for certification in the DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER program. Students wishing to participate in optional proficiency qualification (3 shot, 3" group at 25 yds) should bring their own pre-sighted, deer legal handgun, sandbag or rest, and ammunition with them. Eye and hearing protection required. **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.**

### **PRECISION FIREARMS FOR LARGE GAME**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Delaware hunters often hunt large game not only within but also outside of our state boundaries. This course concentrates on the hunting use of precision, deer legal, scoped long guns and includes rifles, even though their use is only permitted outside of Delaware. Subjects covered will include, shooting fundamentals, equipment, optics, ammunition, transportation of firearms, internal, external and terminal ballistics, shot placement, missed shot analysis and safety considerations.

**NOTE:** This course includes a proficiency qualification segment recognized for certification in the DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER program. Students participating in optional proficiency qualification should bring their own **PRE-ZEROED, DEER LEGAL (.243 OR LARGER) SCOPED SHOTGUN, RIFLE OR MUZZLELOADER)** sand bags, and ammunition

with them. (Loads exceeding 3500 ft lbs of muzzle energy may not be used at Ommelanden.) Eye and hearing protection are required. Vices, cradles, clamps, shooting rests are not allowed **A SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.**

#### **MANDATORY TURKEY EDUCATION 2011**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. CONFIRM COURSE DATES. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

In addition to complying with other hunter education requirements, Delaware hunters must successfully complete a mandatory, one day turkey hunter education class before they can apply for a public land turkey hunting permit or legally hunt turkeys in Delaware. Classes are tentatively planned for February 12 & 13, 2011 from 8:00 A.M. to approx 4:00 P.M. Successful completion of the course Mandatory Turkey Education on your Hunter Education Card is required for hunting on private land. Public land hunters will still have to apply for the permit lottery by sending in the application form found in the Hunting & Trapping Guide or by applying online. Successful applicants for public land hunts will be sent a permit for a 6 day hunt on a public area.

#### **DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

The Master Hunter Program is not for beginners. Aspiring Master Hunters can increase their knowledge and enjoyment of hunting by attending this two day course which provides advanced, detailed education and up-to-date information on numerous aspects of hunting. In addition to improving their own hunting, DELAWARE MASTER HUNTERS benefit from the opportunity to share knowledge, network with and learn from their hunting peers. As advocates, stewards and ambassadors for hunting, with a goal of continuing the heritage of responsible hunting and insuring its future for generations to come, DELAWARE MASTER HUNTERS raise public awareness of the value and necessity of qualified, competent hunters and hunting as a wildlife management tool. This initial core conservation course is a two day experience covering all phases of hunting, conservation, management, heritage and operations of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

#### **MANDATORY TRAPPER EDUCATION 2010**

**Ommelanden Hunter Education Training Center**

**SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COURSES or call (302) 735-3600.**

Trapper Education is a mandatory prerequisite for purchasing a Delaware trapping license for all persons born after January 1, 1978. Classes are usually scheduled for the first Saturday in December. Class and Field work sessions include trapping history, heritage and ethics, furbearing animals of Delaware, trapping equipment, boating safety, hypothermia, practical water sets, hands-on instruction, how tides affect sets, proper skinning techniques, fur handling and how to market furs.

For more information contact:  
Delaware Office of Hunter Education  
6180 Hay Point Landing Road, Smyrna, DE 19977  
(302) 735-3600  
[www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov)

## **DIRECTIONS TO HUNTER/TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASSROOM LOCATIONS**

### **American Legion Post # 3 , Milford**

Located on north side of Business Route 1 (Old Rehoboth Blvd) approx .5 miles east of Rt 113. Light blue building next to Manlove Auto Parts.

### **Aquatic Resources Education Center - Smyrna (Old M&M Farms Bldg on Rt 9)**

From points North: Use Rt. 13 South to Odessa to left on Rt. 299 East. Take a right on Rt. 9 South. Follow for 11.5 miles to AREC on left.

From Smyrna and Dover: Use Rt. 6, 8, or 42 east to the intersection with Rt. 9. Turn left on Rt. 9 and follow North 1.5 miles to AREC on right.

### **C & R Center, Norman G. Wilder Wildlife Area, Petersburg**

From Dover: Take Rt 13 3.7 miles south to Camden where Rt 10 intersects Rt 13. Drive 7.0 miles west on Rt 10.....

From Rt 13 at Woodside, drive west on Rt 10A (Henry Cowgill Road). At the intersection of Rt 10 and Rt 10A, , drive 0.4 miles and turn left on Five Foot Prong Road Drive approximately one mile on Five Foot Prong Rd. and merge into Firetower Road. Turn right (south) onto C & R Center Road and drive 0.6 miles to the C & R Center driveway on the left. (about 50 yards past the edge of the woods) The building is located well back off the main road.

### **Cedarfield Ruritan Club - Milford**

From Route 113 South: Head South on Rt. 113. Before coming to the Rt. 113/Rt. 1 split you will see I.G. Burton car dealership on your right. Pass the dealership and immediately take the 1st right onto Tub Mill Pond Road. Wind around the "S" curve and the Ruritan Club (white building) is on your left.

### **Delmar Fire Hall - Delmar**

From "up State" locations: Follow State Rt 1 south take exit 97 towards Salisbury/Norfolk onto Rt. 13 South. Go 50.0 miles. Turn right on Rt. 54 and go 0.9 mile. The Fire Hall is on the right at North Bi-State Blvd and East Grove Street, Delmar.

From Rehoboth Beach Area: Follow Rt. 9 or 24 west to US Rt 13. Follow US 13 south approx 7 - 8 miles. Turn right on Rt. 54 and go 0.9 mile. The Fire Hall is on the right at North

Bi-State Blvd and East Grove Street, Delmar.

**DNREC / Div F & W Auditorium in the R & R Building, 89 Kings Highway in Dover**

From US 13, turn west on Loockerman Street. Cross the bridge and turn right at the first traffic light (next to the Post Office). The road leads directly into the DNREC building parking lot.

**Dupont Nature Center, Milford**

From Milford or Rt 1, take Rt 36 East towards Slaughter Beach about 4.6 miles. At the sign "40 MPH speed limit" turn left on Lighthouse Road and drive to the end of the road.

**Hartly Fire Co Hall - Rt 11, Hartly**

From Rt 13 in Dover: Take Rt 8 west and bear right on Rt 44 to Hartly. In Hartly turn right on Rt 11. Fire Hall is on the right side. Parking in the rear of the building.

From Rt 13, Smyrna: Take Rt 6 /300 west and bear left on Rt 11. Take Rt 11 to Hartly, Fire Hall is on the left at the intersection with Rt 44.

**Killens Pond State Park - Felton**

From points North: Follow Rt. 13 South. Continue on Rt. 13 until you pass through the town of Felton. (Look for signs for Killens Pond State Park). At the next intersection (Rt. 13 and Killens Pond Road) turn left. Follow Killens Pond Road approx. 1 mile until you see the Park Entrance on the right. Turn right into the park. Take the next right into the Park Office parking lot.

From points South: Follow Rt. 13 North. Continue North on Rt. 13 approx. 5 miles past the town of Harrington until you reach the intersection to Rt. 13 and Killens Pond Road. Turn right onto Killens Pond Road. Follow Killens Pond Road approx. 1 mile until you see the Park Entrance on the right. Turn right into the Park Office parking lot.

**Ommelanden Hunter / Trapper Education Center and Range - Rt 9, New Castle**

From the City of Wilmington: Follow Rt. 13 South towards New Castle. Continue following Rt. 13 past the split at Rt. 40. Pass the traffic light at the Beaver Brook Apartments, Beaver Brook Shopping Center and Chaddwyck. Pull into the third turn lane and turn left onto Federal Lane. There are signs for Ommelanden and the Kirkwood Soccer Club in the median. After turning left, follow Federal Lane until it connects with Rt. 9 (River Road). Turn left onto Rt. 9 North and travel approx. 100 yards. The facility is located on the right side of River Road and has a large wooden sign and a gate at the entrance. Ommelanden is across from the Kirkwood Soccer Club.

From points North: Follow I-95 South. Take exit 4A towards the Christiana Mall Road and Rt.s 1 and 7 South. Stay in the left lane and follow Rt. 1 South. Pass the exits for Rt.s 273 and 40. Get off at exit 156B on the left towards Rt. 13 North. At the first intersection are two gas stations and a Wawa. Turn right at this light onto Hamburg Road. Follow Hamburg Road until it ends at Rt. 9 (River Road). Turn left onto Rt. 9 North. Ommelanden is approx. 2

miles on the right. There is a large wooden sign and a gate outside the facility. Ommelanden is across from the Kirkwood Soccer Club.

From points South: Follow Rt.s 1 and 13 North over the Rt. 1 C&D Canal Bridge. Take the first exit after the bridge and turn right towards Delaware City. Turn left at the second traffic light and head north on Rt 9 between the refinery and the oil tanks. Drive north about 3 miles on Rt 9. There is a large wooden sign and a gate outside the Ommelanden Range across from the Kirkwood Soccer Club.

### **Owens Station Sporting Clay Range and Dog Training Center - Greenwood**

12613 Hunters Cove Road, Greenwood, DE 19950

From Rt 113, take Rt 16 West approx 4.75 miles and turn South (left) on to Owens Rd. Drive approx 0.75 miles and turn left again onto Hunters Cove Rd. Drive approx 0.3 miles to entrance on left side.

### **Paradee Center - Route 113 Dover**

Route 113 (next to DOT) in Dover (opposite the Blue Hen Mall Corporate Center).

Traveling North on Route 113: Exit 95, take second left after the third traffic light: first building on the left.

Traveling North on Route 13: Make a right onto Rt.10 at traffic light: make a left at traffic light by the airbase; after the second traffic light make a left into the Paradee Center, first building on the left.

Traveling South on Route 1: Exit 95, take right at first traffic light; get into the left lane; Make the 2nd left and go directly across to the Paradee Center, first building on the left.

### **Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge - Milton**

From points North:

Take Rt 1 south to the intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt. 16 near Milton (Refuge sign posted). Turn left on state Rt. 16. Follow Rt. 16 East toward Broadkill Beach. At 1.1 miles down the road turn left onto Turtle Pond Road. Follow Turtle Pond Road, 1.6 miles to office/visitor center.

From points South: Follow Rt. 1, US Rt 13 or Rt. 113 to Delaware Rt. 16. Take Rt. 16 East. Stay on Rt. 16 toward Broadkill Beach. Turn left on Turtle Pond Road, into the NWR. 1.6 miles to office/visitor center.

### **South Fork Preserve (Bruce Ney) - Felton**

From Route 1 South: Follow exit 97 to Rt. 13 South. Go 6.7 miles. Turn right onto Evens Road. Go 0.7 mile to stop sign. Proceed straight. Go 1.1 miles to the stop sign. Turn left onto Firetower Road. Go 0.3 mile and turn right onto Tomahawk Road. The driveway is 0.2 mile down on the right.



### **Taylor's Bridge Community Center**

From Odessa at US RT 13: Follow Rt 299 South and East. From Rt 299 turn left onto Rt 9 also called Taylor's Bridge Road. About 6.6 miles from Odessa, at the old lighthouse, Rt 9 makes a sharp right turn to the south and becomes Flemings Landing Road. The Taylor's Bridge Community Center (old brick schoolhouse) is about 100 yards south of the turn on the east side of the road.

### **Trap Pond State Park Nature Center - Laurel**

From points North:

Follow Rt. 13 South. Continue South on Rt. 13 until you reach the town of Laurel (look for signs for Trap Pond State Park). Turn left at the intersection of Rt. 13 and Rt. 24. Follow Rt. 24 for approx. 5 miles and turn right on Baldycypress Lane. Continue on Baldycypress Lane until you cross over the spillway bridge. Take the second left after the bridge. (The Park Entrance). Continue along that road until you come to a stop sign. At that stop sign turn right. Continue until you see the Nature Center Building on the left.

### **University of Delaware Research & Education Center Annex near Georgetown**

Located on the south side of Rt 9 approximately 4.5 miles west of Rt 113 .

From Rt 113 in Georgetown: Go west on Rt 9 approximately 4.5 miles. Pass Sussex Tech, pass the Sussex Tech stoplight approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to reach the U of Del REC building on the left. Entrance in rear of building.

From Rt 13 in Laurel: Go east on Rt 9 approx. 2.5 miles past the intersection of Rt. 20 (stoplight). The U of Del REC will be on the right side of Rt. 9.

Parking in the rear of the building.



## **NOT FOR BEGINNERS**

**Your hunting license was only the beginning. You aren't a beginner any more. In fact, you've been at this for a long time.**

**It's time for the next step:**

## **DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER**

You are already an experienced hunter. You love hunting; you read about it and think about it all year long. You are dedicated to the principles of ethical, responsible, fair chase hunting. You've learned a lot over the years but you are always ready to learn more. You want to keep yourself up to date with the latest hunting developments, trends, tactics, skills and regulations. You realize that there is a lot more to learn about wildlife, wildlife management and the role of hunting in our modern society. You know that hunting is a controversial issue and you want to keep up to date on what's happening in Delaware. You'd like to benefit from the opportunity to learn from your peers and share some of the things you've learned the hard way. As a life long advocate and ambassador for hunting, you want to help continue the heritage of hunting and insure its future for the coming generations. You'd value the personal satisfaction of being a DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER, officially qualified, certified and recognized by the State of Delaware.

If the above description sounds like you, you may be a candidate for the **DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER PROGRAM**. Check the online schedule for dates at <http://www.fw.delaware.gov/>

Download an application at <http://www.fw.delaware.gov/> or call **302-735-3600** and ask for an application by mail for this unique, one-of-a-kind program. The Delaware Hunter Education Office of the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be glad to mail you an application form and an information sheet with details about the next course.





## DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER CERTIFICATION

**NOTHING HAPPENS AUTOMATICALLY!  
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Fill out and send in the application. (Either download the form at [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) or tear application out of the Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide)
2. Take the two day Delaware Master Hunter Core Conservation Course and successfully pass the test.
3. Have successfully completed the Basic Hunter Education Course of Delaware or another state.
4. Complete at least one (1) advanced hunter education course on bow or firearm with a shooting proficiency qualification.
5. Complete at least one (1) other advanced hunter education course.
6. Have a Criminal Background Investigation completed showing a clean record.

**WHEN YOU THINK YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL SIX AND  
HAVE PROVIDED US WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION....**

YOU MUST CALL THE HUNTER EDUCATION OFFICE at **302 735 3600** TO CONFIRM THAT YOUR STATE CREDENTIALS ARE CORRECT, COMPLETE AND IN YOUR DMH FILE.

DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER certification will be reviewed at the next meeting of the DMH committee. If approved, your records will be marked as **CERTIFIED**.

A certificate will then be issued verifying your accomplishment and naming you as a **DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER**. You will also receive a DMH hat and emblem.

Your contact information will be turned in to Delaware's deer biologist to be considered as a possible participant in future special regulation hunts.

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE IN THE FISH & WILDLIFE DATA BASE: [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov)

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING HUNTER ED COURSES is available at:** [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov)

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**DELAWARE MASTER HUNTER  
Program Application**  
**Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife**  
 Office of Hunter Education  
 6180 Hay Point Landing Road, Smyrna, DE 19977  
 Tel: (302) 735-3600 Fax: (302) 653-6755

Instructions: ✓ appropriate boxes.  
 Please type or print clearly.  
**Please call** for more information.

<b>1. Name (LAST, First, Middle)</b>	<b>2. Date of Birth</b> <span style="float:right;"><b>Place of Birth</b></span>	
<b>3. Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>4. Driver's License Number &amp; State</b>	<b>5. Basic Hunter Education Cert # (if known)</b>	
<b>6. E-Mail Address:</b>	<b>7. Home Phone #</b>	<b>8. Cell Phone #</b>
<b>9. Shirt size: S M L XL 2X 3X</b>		

**10. Please complete the survey below and indicate all courses you have already successfully completed and any hunting / conservation oriented certifications you may have.**

_____ <b>DE Basic Hunter Education Course</b> _____ DE Bow Hunter Education Course _____ DE Muzzleloader Education Course _____ DE Turkey Education Course _____ DE Deer Hunter 101 Education Course _____ DE Active Volunteer Hunter Ed Instructor _____ DE Bowhunting Instructor Course _____ QDMA Whitetail Deer School _____ Other Course * * * _____	_____ <b>DE MASTER HUNTER Core Conservation Course</b> _____ DE Hunting Handgun Education Course _____ DE Precision Rifle/Shotgun Education Course _____ DE Wingshooting Education Course _____ Rifle or Handgun Instructor Course _____ CCDW Course & Permit # _____ _____ DE Trapper Education Course
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\* \* \* Please explain in Nr. 11 below

**11. Please briefly describe your hunting background and experience.**

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**Please turn over this form and complete the back**

**12. Have you ever been arrested or ticketed for a game or weapons violation?**      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

**If you answered yes to either question # 12 or #13 above, please attach a separate letter of explanation.**

14. Can you legally possess and use a firearm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Circle highest level of education completed:**

Elementary school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8      High school: 9 10 11 12      College: 1 2 3 4 5 6

**Briefly describe past and present employment.**

I am aware that a criminal history background check by the State Bureau of Identification may be required at my expense for final DMH certification and hereby give my consent for the Division of Fish and Wildlife to order such a background check. If I am accepted into the Delaware Master Hunter Program, I agree to abide by the Policies and Procedures of the program. I further agree to immediately inform the Division of Fish & Wildlife and Master Hunter Program of any convictions or charges of game, misdemeanor or felony violations received at any time after final certification and hereby give my consent for the Division of Fish & Wildlife to periodically update my criminal background investigation. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete.

**SIGNATURE:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **NEED A HUNTER / TRAPPER EDUCATION COURSE?**  
CHECK THE LATEST SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING COURSES AND SIGN UP ON LINE!
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McKay House – Office of Hunter Education**

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Tel: (302) 735-3600 Fax: (302) 653-6755



To All Hunter Education Course Participants:

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, section 501 Delaware Code Title 7 has required all basic hunter education students to participate in a live firing experience with a trained firearms instructor in order to successfully complete the course.

Insurance rules of the State of Delaware now require all participants in **any** course which includes live firing to sign the attached "Release From Liability Waiver" before taking part in the live firing. This form is a legal release.

**FIRST: CHOOSE A COURSE AND SIGN UP** (online signup at [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov) or call 302-735-3600)

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN NEEDS TO SIGN THE WAIVER FOR YOU AND HAVE THEIR SIGNATURE VERIFIED BY A NOTARY.**

**IF YOU ARE 18 OR OLDER, YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE THE WAIVER NOTARIZED.** Just fill it out, sign it and mail it back.

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**MAIL THE ORIGINAL**, signed Waiver of Liability (with notarized signatures of parents or guardians of minor students under 18) to:

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**IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HUNTER EDUCATION SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO COURSE BEGIN TO VALIDATE YOUR COURSE REGISTRATION. You must provide us with a signed waiver if you want to participate.**

Please give us a call at 302-735-3600 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Hunter Education soon.

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**HUNTER EDUCATION RANGE RULES**

1. **ALWAYS CARRY ALL FIREARMS UNLOADED, ACTION OPEN WITH THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** (the only safe direction at the range is up & down range!)
2. Guns may only be loaded on shooting stations, immediately prior to shooting.
3. Keep gun pointed safely down range in the event of a malfunction.
4. Only participating shooters allowed on shooting fields. (no spectators or coaches)
5. Firearms instruction is only permitted by authorized program personnel
6. Participants must be alert at all times for anyone who might be in the firing area.
7. Mounting, shouldering, sighting or pointing of guns behind shooting stations is not allowed.
8. Use and abuse of alcoholic beverages, drugs or impairing medication is prohibited.
9. Guns and ammunition are subject to inspection at all times.
10. Shell picking or littering is not allowed.
11. Maximum size of lead shot is: # 7 ½ (.095 in) Maximum size of steel shot is: # 6 (.11 in).
12. Guns are to be fired from shoulder only. Absolutely no shooting at any live animals or birds.
13. Guns are to be loaded one shell at a time, except when shooting doubles.
14. Profanity, disruptive behavior and inappropriate clothing are not permitted.
15. Appropriate eye & ear protection must be worn.
16. Shooters under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
17. The range is not responsible for personal property. Leave no property or bags unattended.
18. Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted inside the shooting field area.
19. To reduce the risk of lead contamination, thorough washing of face and hands is strongly recommended after shooting activities.
20. Decision of range officer is final.



**I AM SIGNED UP ALREADY  
FOR COURSE DATED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**COURSE LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_**

**LEGAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS  
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I know that the use of firearms and target shooting are potentially hazardous activities involving a possible risk of serious bodily injury or death. I agree to abide by all above range safety rules and any decision of the range officer or program provider relative to my ability to safely participate in live firing. **I freely assume all risks** associated with the use of firearms and target shooting equipment in this event including risk of bodily injury or death or any other damage arising as a result of my participation in this event, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my participation in this hunter education event, I, for myself, and, where applicable, my minor child, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby **release from liability, waive any rights to sue and hold harmless** the following: The State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, The Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Hunter Education Program, its employees, volunteers, program providers, and cooperating facilities from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant Name – Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Birth)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Last 4 of SS#)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian –Please Print)

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(Signature of parent/legal guardian of a minor)

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(Relationship)

**Note: Guardian / Parental consent by notarized signature is required for any course participant under 18 or participation cannot be permitted.**

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